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Weapons top talks at U.S.-Israel meet

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — The proliferation of ground-to-ground missiles and chemical weapons in the Middle East clearly overshadowed other subjects, including the Palestinian uprising, during Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's talks in Washington last week, U.S. and Israeli officials said.

President Ronald Reagan, with whom Rabin met, expressed his own concern "about ominous new military developments in the region," in particular "the proliferation of the missiles and chemical capabilities," according to a White House statement.

Reagan observed that "such capabilities could change the military situation, making any future war far more costly, difficult to control, and dangerous," the statement added.

Both Reagan and Vice-President George Bush, with whom Rabin also met, emphasized "the need for international efforts to stop this proliferation," according to the statement. "They also stressed that these trends put a premium both on continuing U.S.-Israeli defence cooperation, and energetically working for peace in the area."

Rabin was clearly pleased by the outcome of his discussions with the administration and Congressional leadership.

The defence minister said that the administration has agreed to maintain the $1.8 billion in U.S. military assistance for Israel in the 1990 fiscal year budget. Of that amount, he said, $400 million will be available to be spent inside Israel.

In addition, he said, U.S. defence contractors selling weaponry to Israel will be required to spend another $100 million in Israel as part of what are called direct "off-set" deals.

Rabin said that the long-awaited U.S.-Israeli Memorandum of Agreement implementing the codevelopment of the new Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile (ATBM) system would be signed this week. The development of the new technology —

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Jewish tourists, who usually fill this plaza at the Western Wall, are staying away this year, Israel's 40th anniversary, because of the Palestinian uprising.

Unrest taking its toll

Jewish tourists stay away

By MOURA WOLPERT

JERUSALEM — At the Western Wall, a few elderly men are praying. On the women's side, about an equal number sit or stand facing the Wall. Behind them, the vast plaza is empty.

In the heart of the restored Jewish Quarter, a handful of school children are scampering home; a bearded old man watches over his small granddaughter; a few people, obviously local, are walking purposefully.

Only a couple of camera-clicking Chinese girls, several young Japanese and two or three strolling couples appear to be tourists.

"Look at that — empty!" laments the visitor from Britain as she surveys the small square. "This place should be teeming with Jewish tourists. It breaks your heart."

The scene is much the same everywhere. In this, Israel's proud 40th anniversary year, Jewish tourists are noticeable by their absence. Buses still ply the popular tourist routes, but they are filled with non-Jewish Germans, Finns, Dutch, Australians — and Israeli Histadrut members on cheap excursions.

At his home in Ein Kerem, tour guide Walt Zanger, like most Israelis, is understandably bitter.

"Unfortunately, the first people to cancel are North American Jews.

Yet there is nothing, he points out, "that happens between (Israeli) security forces and the Arabs that affects tourists.

Zanger, a former New Yorker and former Reform rabbi who served as a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force, has lived in Israel since 1966 with his wife, Nina. Their two eldest children have completed their army service, the two younger ones are still in high school. Since 1974 he has been a tour guide and is known to North Americans from the former weekly TV show, Hello Jerusalem.

As a tour guide, Zanger finds it "very distressing that the (tourist) industry is so fragile that my business depends on a 12-year-old

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Israel won't give in to violence, U.S. told

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Israel Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin stressed last week that the Palestine problem can only be solved through negotiations, not by war, terrorism or the current uprising on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Even though I accept the prineiple of territories for peace — not all the territories..., I will not encourage any giving in to violence in whatever form, civilian violence, terror, or threats of war, or wars," Rabin said in a luncheon address to the National Press Club.

Noting that as defence minister he is responsible for the Israel army action in quelling the Palestinian violence, he said that all Israelis find it unpleasant to have its army face a confrontation with civilians.

"I wish we could convince the Palestinians not to use violence by sitting around the table and sipping coffee, or by distributing flowers to demonstrators," Rabin said. "It doesn't work."

He said that Israel has quelled the uprising on the basis of its own and international law and if it did not do so the result would be an increase in the threat of war and undermining of the peace process.

Rabin, who spoke to the press club after two days of meetings with top officials of the Reagan administration, said after his 15-minute meeting with Reagan that he had explained Israel's policies to the President.

He added that while he would not say he convinced the administration, Israel would act as it sees fit when its security was threatened.

Reagan, in a statement issued by the White House after the Rabin visit, appeared to show understanding for the defence minister's position while urging both Israel and the Palestinians not to allow the current situation in the territories to stop the peace process.

"While Israel should not be expected to make concessions under the threat of violence, the preservation of order in the territories must neither provide a justification for civilian lawlessness nor act as an excuse for avoiding political discourse with the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza," the White House statement said. "Neither should violence nor controls on violence become ends in themselves, making a political solution more difficult."

Rabin told the press club audience that he met with Palestinian leaders recently and told them that since they were now leading the Palestinian struggle for the first time since 1948, they should work for a solution with Israel. "Unfortunately, the answer was and is 'you know whoever tries to emerge as a leader will be assassinated by the PLO,'" he said.

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Japanese show interest in PLO peace program

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno's 1-day visit to Israel late last month was remarkable in several respects. But one aspect of the historic visit, reported only briefly by the news media here, is worthy of note and comment, for it may well be a harbinger of a new and different phase in the diplomacy surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

At a meeting with Palestinian leaders in the West Bank, the Japanese foreign minister discussed the contents of a document issued just a few days earlier by a rising star in the Palestine Liberation Organization, Bassam Abu Sharif (CJN June 30).

Uno's interlocutors told reporters after the meeting that the Japanese minister expressed keen interest in the document, which is entitled Prospects for a Palestinian-Israeli Settlement.

It calls for direct talks between the government of Israel and the PLO, and envisions a 2-state solution with strong international guarantees.

At about the same time it was being aired with the Japanese statesman, PLO chief Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying that in the wake of the Abu Sharif document, "the United

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Rabin most popular in poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin is the most popular politician in Israel, according to a nationwide poll conducted at the beginning of June.

Housing Minister David Levy seems to be the rising star of Likud, the poll by the PORI organization indicated.

The results, published in Haaretz, showed 55% of the 1,200 persons in the national sample are satisfied with Rabin, a Laborite, up from 54.3% in May.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Party, was the choice of 36.8%, compared to 36.2% in May.

On the Likud side, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim's popularity plunged to 45.2%, from 54.2% in May.

Levy won the approval of 35.6% of the respondents, compared to 32.9% for Premier Yitzhak Shamir and 29.8% for Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

Yitzhak Rabin

Disneyland will be home for largest Star of David

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **The world's largest Star of David, the showpiece of the Jewish Agency's exhibit at the 40th anniversary exhibition in Tel Aviv, will become a permanent feature in Disneyland.**

The $250,000 Magen David, which measures 28 metres along each side, is made up of the flags of all the countries that have Jewish communities.

Designed by Rafi Etgar, the star will become the main fixture of Israel's exhibit in the international fair at Disneyland.

Another exhibit to be exported is an animated bust of Ben-Gurion, which will become part of London's Salute to Israel, planned for next winter.

CZF calls on all Jews to replace burned trees

MONTREAL — **The Canadian Zionist Federation is calling upon every member of the Jewish community to plant trees in Israel to replace those that were burned by arsonists as part of the Palestinian uprising.**

CZF president David Azrieli said every Jew in Canada should "immediately take personal responsibility to assist the Jewish National Fund in its efforts to plant trees in Israel to replace those burned by terrorists attempting to destroy the very symbol" of the state reborn.

The statement is in accordance with a resolution passed by the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem. In Israel, a campaign has been launched to plant 10 saplings for every burned tree.

"Those individuals who have the capability should consider it a personal honor to make a special donation of 10 trees to the JNF," Azrieli said.

World-National

Research never ends in Negev

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I am constantly surprised that with all the problems Israelis have these days they still have time for "marginal" enterprises, such as the study and preservation of rare species of desert animals. Yet, as I look more closely, I discover that there is more in these efforts than meets the eye. For these animals are being studied and protected both for their own sakes and for the information they can yield in understanding their fragile environment. For the Negev is an ineluctable, and in fact vital, part of Israel's future.

Rabbi Plaut

Ben-Gurion University lies at the heart of the Negev, in the millennia-old town of Beersheba, which was once the home of our ancestors Abraham and Sarah. In the 18 years of its existence the school has made a signal impact on the culture of the country, and beyond. For in addition to all its other accomplishments it has made the study of the desert environment a prime objective of its research.

I have followed this aspect of Israel's life with special interest, piqued time and again by a splendid little publication which comes to my desk from time to time. Called simply *Negev*, it is the journal of the university and rarely fails to include fascinating articles and pictures. It is one of the few magazines I read just about from cover to cover.

The table of contents of its spring issue may whet your appetite even if you have not seen the journal's cover, which sports a splendid stallion galloping across the page. Here's what I read about: Is there oil in the Negev? — The Pickled Herring Conference and other events — How the Negev is producing prize-winning horses — Porcupines, wolves, isopods and ecologists — An engineering professor finds novel uses for antique artillery — Bedouin health care in transition. Plus a photo essay on Animals of the Desert, which is a veritable feast for the eye.

Of course I turned first to the essay which would tell me about isopods of which I knew nothing. I learned that they are tiny creatures that dwell in holes about 2 feet below the surface. Prof. Moshe Shachak has spent 12 years studying this "unexotic organism" because it has one important characteristic: it is one of the Negev's most abundant animals, and Shachak wanted to know why.

"His research (says Leora Frucht in her article) has revealed a few surprising facts about these hitherto undistinguished creatures. For one thing, the isopod is nature's most primitive champion of monogamous relationships." Couples will recognize each other after prolonged separation.

But there is more to isopods than marital fidelity. They live in cooperative societies, "animal kibbutzim," Shachak dubs them. It is both their social structure and their inventive use of water which has enabled them to overcome the rigors of their parched environment. And from this the Israel-born ecologist has drawn significant lessons for the development of the Negev, to exploit its potential for human habitation.

Says Shachak: "As a classical biologist you would choose to study one particular animal, and your choice could be randomly based on whatever happens to be your favorite animal. As an ecologist you choose to study the animal that is most likely to help you understand the environment as a whole. In other words, we are not interested in the most beautiful or glamorous animals, but in the most important ones."

Frucht's article will tell you of other fascinating experiments. BGU scientists have found that one does not have to kill animals in order to prevent them from destroying a farmer's crop; one can direct them to other means of subsistence. And who but the prickly porcupine has been the core of this particular endeavor!

Ben-Gurion University has of course other departments which have little to do with studies of the Negev. It has a prestigious medical school and its biblical and linguistic scholars have been a benefit to me personally. A group of them have assisted me in bringing out a Hebrew edition of my Torah commentary, of which Bereshit has recently appeared in Jerusalem.

IDF used as a whipping boy

Intifada major issue in elections

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Palestinian uprising, now nearing the end of its seventh month, has become a major issue in Israel's rapidly heating election campaign.

The very fact it has lasted this long gives Likud a weapon against Labor. The two parties are still joined in a coalition government and theoretically are equally responsible for dealing with the problem.

But the security forces, which bear the daily brunt of the intifada, are headed by Laborites: Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who sets policy for the Israel Defence Force, and Haim Barlev, minister of police.

The IDF, the only non-political public institution in Israel, therefore has become enmeshed in the political struggle. It is being used as a whipping boy by Likud ministers, notably Ariel Sharon.

Sharon, a former defence minister who now serves as minister of commerce and industry, repeated at a recent cabinet meeting his longstanding charge that the IDF is inept.

A case in point, he said, was the continued, undisturbed operation of "the political centre" of the Palestine Liberation Organization in East Jerusalem.

Sharon referred to a number of Arab public institutions, mainly the Arabic dailies published in East Jerusalem, that are oriented toward the PLO.

"Not only the Temple Mount is not in our hands, neither is East Jerusalem," Sharon told reporters.

He spoke as unrest mounted in East Jerusalem on the eve of the 21st anniversary of its annexation by Israel. The underground leadership of the uprising distributed leaflets exhorting the local residents to engage in disorders on the anniversary date.

Likud ministers want to know how these inflammatory "communiques" can be circulated under the noses of the IDF and police.

Sharon found his opening to attack Labor when the IDF chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, briefed the cabinet on the situation.

Shomron reported the number of gasoline bomb attacks fell to 16 the week before, compared to 36 a week earlier. There were also fewer stone-throwing incidents in the territories and fewer attacks on civilians.

Shomron attributed the improvement to tough measures by the IDF. As long as he recited statistics, the ministers listened politely. But when the chief of staff suggested that only political and economic measures, not military force, can end the uprising, he came under fierce attack by Likud ministers.

The IDF now faces a dilemma. On one hand, it is engaged in a public relations campaign, mainly overseas, to prove it is not the brutal and ruthless army depicted by the foreign news media to be making war on civilians.

But at home, it is under increasing attack by the right wing for being too soft on the Palestinians. The critics do not blame the IDF itself, since it is much too popular with the public. Their cry is that the soldiers' hands are tied by orders from the political echelons — meaning Labor.

The split between right and left is therefore no longer limited to the issue of territorial compromise. The more immediate dispute is how to cope with the uprising.

There is considerable irony here, because the tough policies of the IDF — beatings, deportations, demolition of homes, administrative detention — were instituted by Rabin himself, and he has been sharply criticized for them at home and abroad.

Rabin, visiting the United States last week, told Jewish leaders in New York that Israel will continue to respond to Palestinian violence with force and will not negotiate with the PLO.

But at the same time, Rabin has been maintaining a dialogue with local Palestinian leaders "of all political camps." (CJN June 30.) He said in New York that Israel was ready to deal "with responsible Palestinians who renounce terror and accept UN Resolutions 242 and 338," which recognize Israel's right to exist.

Those "responsible Palestinians" are not standing in line to renounce terror. But the defence establishment is well aware that further aggravation of the situation in the territories will limit the number of potential partners for dialogue.

As for the intifada, it is not over, but there is a visible weariness among Palestinians. They are sick of the hardships and financial losses. And they have been unable to translate their nearly 7-month-old struggle against Israeli rule into political gains.

But while the uprising has not escalated in magnitude, there are some new twists. Attempts to export it into Israel proper, by way of arson, have been partially successful.

Even here, though, the Palestinian underground has run into resistance from Israeli Arabs who refuse to set fire to fields and forests. The Council of Arab Mayors has denounced arson.

Mayor Mohammed Ghanayim of Sakhnin village, near Acre, said Israeli Arabs are prepared to set up fire-watch patrols and to staff lookout posts to prevent fires from breaking out in the "Arab and Jewish sectors."

France, Saudi Arabia sign huge arms deal

PARIS (JTA) — France and Saudi Arabia have signed a $550 million arms sales contract in Jidda that will provide the Saudis with sophisticated weapons systems they have been unable to purchase in the United States.

The deal, announced here by the government-controlled company responsible for arms exports, is the first of several being negotiated by the two countries.

According to French sources, future contracts will run into several billion dollars worth of combat aircraft, air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles and Exocet missiles, which proved deadly in the Persian Gulf and Falkland Islands wars.

Saudi Arabia had hoped to get many of these systems or their American equivalents in the United States, but Congress blocked the Reagan administration from supplying them.

The contract calls for the sale to Saudi Arabia of 20 fast missile boats, 12 Super Puma attack helicopters and a large number of Exocets.

Weddings in Israel mean big sackful of shekels

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Israeli couples who wish to get married on Aug. 8 this year can just forget about it. All the wedding halls and rabbis have already been signed up for that date, apparently because many people seem to think that nuptials on 8/8/88 will be particularly auspicious. So all those who take such matters seriously will have to remain single for 11 more years until 9/9/99.

This is not a problem for the Meyers family, as our oldest son Eytan and his long-time girlfriend Tali saw no reason to wait for 8/8/88 or 9/9/99; they married a couple of weeks ago. Moreover, they weren't in the market for a fancy wedding hall anyway, preferring to wed in Tali's uncle's back yard.

All in all, their wedding was a very modest affair by contemporary, keeping-up-with-the-Cohens Israeli standards, as the result of which nuptials are apt to cost tens of thousands of dollars. This is a sum which most families can ill afford and which, in any case, could more fruitfully be devoted to helping the young couple get started in life.

The fanciest weddings take place in the fanciest hotels along Tel Aviv's Miami Beach-style seashore, where you pay $40 to $70 per guest. For that price, to be sure, you get not only good food and service, but also such extras as a special fireworks display (shot off from the hotel's balcony and exploding in the sky above the Mediterranean).

At the other end of the social and economic scale are the wedding halls in the grimy industrial areas of Tel Aviv and of other Israeli towns. There the going price is about $20 to $30 per guest, for which each of them is guaranteed a piece of rubbery chicken and a half-dozen overcooked side dishes.

Midway between the Hilton and the less-than-elegant establishments at the other end of town are various outdoor sites, often located in what used to be orange or grapefruit groves. They are particularly popular during the seven months a year when rain never falls.

Weddings bring big bucks not only to those who provide the places where they can be held, but also to those who take photographs, provide music, make flower arrangements or supply gowns. In Rehovot alone — a town of some 65,000 people — there are no less than six shops with wedding gowns, and only wedding gowns, in their display windows. These gowns, which are usually rented rather than bought, are all in white because Israeli brides, even when they are standing under the chupah for the second, third or fourth time, want to be clad in a white-as-the-driven-snow outfit. This is also true for the girls whose boyfriends make them pregnant before they offer them a ring.

While no official figures are available, some of the shops which merchandise wedding gowns claim that one-quarter of their clients require entire swaths of cloth to disguise the fact that motherhood is less than nine months away for them.

My wife, for example, recalls a wedding where she almost fainted when a teenage bride, whom she knew was pregnant, was seated on a chair, raised up high in the air and remained airborne for several long minutes while her friends and relatives danced and sang around her.

But pregnant or not, Israeli girls, like Israeli boys, still believe in marriage.

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TJC members honor their role model

Forget the Summit, June belonged to Shriar

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

There is no doubt that the Economic Summit dominated the local news for most of June, but in Toronto's Jewish community June may well be remembered as "Rupert Shriar" month.

Shriar, who retired last month as director of social planning for Toronto Jewish Congress, had been feted, extolled, wined and dined throughout the month by his professional colleagues who look up to him as an innovator and role model. Before the month was over, Toronto Jewish Congress had its turn in honoring him at two separate functions.

The first was a reception at Beth Tzedec attended by his wife Alyse, 150 friends, relatives, coworkers and TJC leadership with whom he had been closely associated during his 19-year tenure with the agency. Three days later there was a staff luncheon at the Lipa Green Building.

Among the guests at Beth Tzedec were four of his five social planning chairmen — Henry Goodman, Madeleine Epstein, Michael Benjamin and Charles Diamond.

Benjamin served as the evening's emcee, targeting as many darts as laurels at the honoree, and Madeleine Epstein was the spokesman for her fellow chairmen and all the others in the room who had worked with Rupert Shriar over the years.

In her deeply personal account of their relationship during her 4-year term as social planning chairman, Epstein praised Shriar's qualities as "a true leader who brings out the leadership in others. We (the chairmen) were his accomplices . . . he challenged us as he challenged himself, with a rare capacity to stimulate everything he touches. He has made an outstanding contribution to the quality of Jewish life in this community.

She enumerated the agencies and projects either initiated, created or enhanced by Shriar: North East Jewish Community Services, Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, Jewish Information Service, MARC, Elm Ridge Group Residence, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Dateline and Tel-Aide/Jewish Distress Line, among them.

He also played an instrumental role in the merger between Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and United Jewish Appeal Women's Division, which became Jewish Women's Federation; and the establishment of Toronto Jewish Assistance Services through the merger of Hebrew Free Loan, Loan Cassa and Scholarships-in-Aid.

Rupert Shriar

Under the TJC presidency of Ron Appleby, Shriar helped set up the Strategic Planning Committee, which projects the goals of TJC as a responsive central organization of the community.

He has worked with the current president, Herb Rosenfeld, in developing a new organizational model for the future operation of the agency.

"As his final TJC assignment," said Rosenfeld, "Rupert also completed a working paper, Targets 2001. These two major contributions will have considerable effect in determining directions and probable programs to meet the community's requirements for the turn of the century."

TJC executive director Steven Ain referred to Shriar as the "professionals' professional who passionately believes in the welfare of this community." Ain recalled that during the Yom Kippur War emergency, Shriar was asked to take on the Lawyers' Division campaign and all the extra hours necessary for that assignment, in addition to his already top-heavy workload.

Responding to all the accolades and barbs, a visibly moved Rupert Shriar reiterated a statement made by a respected colleague, Sam Ruth: "An honor paid to any one of us is an honor to the entire profession."

He concluded by reminding his audience that not too long ago it was, "let's do the Cleveland model." Now, he said, "it's let do it the Toronto way." That, he suggested, speaks volumes for the new-found stature of this community within the North American family of Jewish federations.

Report reveals that Judaism legal, but Soviets set own rules

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

OTTAWA —

Even though Judaism is a legally registered religious group in the Soviet Union, there are few synagogues and rabbis, and no rabbinical colleges, says a federal report on human rights behind the iron curtain.

Jewish religious books and objects, and kosher foods are difficult to obtain, and a number of religious groupings are "forced to meet in clandestine conditions in members' apartments and other places," the report says.

"A number of these groups have been broken up and their members arrested."

Other religious groups have not even been permitted to register by Soviet authorities. These include the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hare Krishna adherents and some Pentecostal and Baptist groups

In general, the 26-page report — prepared by the House of Commons' standing committee on human rights — found that human rights are being violated in the Soviet Union, despite reported policy changes.

Canada should develop some way to monitor the situation, recommended the report, which took just over a year to compile.

Almost 60 witnesses — including 13 from the Canadian Jewish community — were heard by the 7-member committee as well as 13 other participating MPs.

The committee examined such topics as glasnost/perestroika, religious freedom, rights of national minorities and emigration/family reunification.

In the latter area, there have been serious difficulties for people wishing to leave the Soviet Union, even though the right to leave a country is stated in a number of international agreements, the report said.

"It has been most prominently a problem for Soviet Jews, but it has affected other nationalities in that country as well.

"Although there have been more Soviet Jews leaving that country in recent months than in recent years, the numbers have not yet attained the levels reached in the late 1970s."

"Virtually no Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians or Ukrainians have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union. In addition, members of the Polish minority have had great difficulties in being permitted to emigrate."

Soviet regulations under which a person may emigrate to reunite with family members abroad are restrictive, the report continued.

"The invitation to emigrate must come from a first-degree relative abroad, the family in the Soviet Union must consent to the emigration, and the person to emigrate must not have been exposed in any way to matters which may fall within a wide-ranging definition of state security.

"The procedures to be followed for emigration are complex and expensive. Many of those who attempt to exercise their right to emigrate are subjected to harassment and loss of employment or academic credentials."

The emigration process is also lengthy, with emigration permission given in an "arbitrary rather than a predictable fashion."

The report, being considered by the secretary of state for external affairs, recommended that the Canadian government:

- Develop human rights verification measures, based on international human rights norms, so that real progress in human rights promotion and protection can be evaluated;
- Support the Soviet Union's proposal for a conference in Moscow on humanitarian cooperation only on certain specified conditions; and
- Continue its vigorous policy of advocacy of human rights issues and individual cases in its contacts with Iron Curtain countries as long there's not full respect for and securing of individual and minority rights in those countries.

Members of the Jewish community who testified before the parliamentary committee on issues relating to human rights behind the Iron Curtain included Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force for Human Rights in the Soviet Union; Paul Marantz, Farrel Shadlyn, Alan Shefman, Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth, David Goldberg and Aurel Braun, all from B'nai B'rith Canada; Mark Keil, chairman of the Edmonton Committee for Soviet Jewry; Martin Pollock and Naida Rubin of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Soviet Jewry Committee; Barbara Stern and Alan Rose, of Canadian Jewish Congress; and Irwin Cotler, a McGill University law professor.

Weizmann centre will aid research for alternative fuel

TORONTO —

The completion of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Allied Research in Israel will aid needed research into alternative energy sources to replace dwindling fossil fuel supplies, says Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, director of the Energy Centre at the Weizmann Insitute of Science.

Dostrovsky told supporters of the Weizmann Institute at a recent meeting here that fossil fuels currently supply the bulk of the energy requirements of the industrial nations. However, he said that continued reliance on fossil fuel energy will result in a global greenhouse effect.

—Israel Dostrovksy

"This is no longer science fiction, but a problem of extreme urgency for the well being of mankind," the professor said.

Dostrovsky said that with a facility such as the Canadian Institute of the Energies and Applied Research about to be dedicated in November and already in operation, Israel is now perceived in the scientific community as having not only the problem solving ideas, but also the means to tackle and overcome the problem of replacing fossil fuels as an energy source in the 1990s.

A large contingent of Canadians will leave Canada on Nov. 2 to participate in the dedication of the institute which will take place on Nov. 7 on the Rehovot campus.

The mission offers two options, a short trip focused primarily on the dedication, as well as a longer trip designed for those who wish to tour Israel after the dedication.

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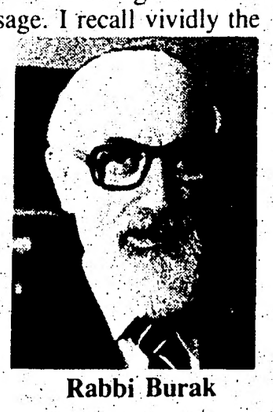
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Shouldn't a major Jewish community have a day school program, of Torah and secular learning, for children who are slow learners?

We don't always know what background will supply us with the next sage. I recall vividly the words of my master, the Gaon Rabbi Yaakov Yitzhak Halevy Ruderman z.l. when he told me about a young man who studied in a Lithuanian yeshiva, and screamed the words of the Gemarra at the top of his lungs, all day long.


Rabbi Burak

His screams disturbed the other students. They turned to him and said: Why do you scream? Then they reminded him of the words of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 9:17: "The words of the wise are heard in quiet . . ." But, his answer was that he had a dull mind, and that only through his screaming would the words leave some imprint on his brain.

He screamed and he screamed his way through every word in the Talmud; and in the end, every word of the Shas was inscribed on his mind forever. He gave the world a brilliant volume of his responsa. I leave out the name of his great work, for not having screamed that way I may have mixed up the name with that of another volume.

Children study Torah's words

The Torah is the inheritance of all Israel. When children study its words, the Almighty finds that more precious in His sight than the most brilliant expositions of the greatest sages. The Talmud, in Tractate Shabbas, 119B, tells us that the world exists only because of the merit of the breath of school children studying Torah.

When a great sage said to another: How about you and me and our Torah studies? The answer was that there is no comparison between their Torah studies and the "sinless breath of the school children."

Maimonides tells us, in Hilchos Talmud Torah, Chapter 1:8, that "Every Israelite is in duty bound to set aside a period every day and every evening for the study of Torah . . ." This includes everyone. Slow learners belong in the group and should be included.

When that is done there may be a pleasant surprise in store for all, as we are told in Psalms, Chapter 19:7: "The Torah of Hashem is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Hashem is trustworthy, making wise the simple." This remedy should be tried. It should be available to every Jewish child.

The great sages of our faith were not happy with the way we pushed young children into advanced studies. The Maharal of Prague, famous for his miracles and wonders, was of the opinion that our educational system pushed children into studies for which the foundation had not been laid.

Extra attention should be given

Students who had not mastered Holy Writ were pushed into talmudic studies whose idiom they knew not. Five years are needed for the study of the Torah before one can move on to study Mishnah, according to the rubric of Ethics of the Fathers. According to the Maharal, children should study the Talmud, with the commentaries of Rashi and Asheri, before learning Tosfos.

We must be prepared to have our children whose pace is a little slower study in an atmosphere of warm Yiddishkeit. If they need extra attention, let it be given them. If they are developmentally or physically handicapped, they should be enabled to learn Torah at their speed. Large Jewish communities should take seriously the words of Isaiah, Chapter 54:13: "And *all* thy children shall be taught of Hashem. . . ."

I should like to hear from parents who want such a program. Every Jewish child deserves our concern to enable him to learn Torah. The Beth ha-Mikdash was destroyed because children didn't learn Torah (Shabbas, 119B). In the Three Weeks of our sorrow, let this be repaired.

MP comments on Clark's statement

Weiner lauds Tories' friendship

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner wants the Jewish community to know that it has in Brian Mulroney and the Progressive Conservative government a far greater friend than any previous government was.

Weiner offered reassurances in an interview that External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's stinging address to the Canada-Israel Committee conference did not represent a shift in this country's foreign policy. But he did appear to distance himself personally from the remarks and align himself squarely behind Mulroney's more conciliatory approach.

"I realize some members of the community found Clark's statement troublesome...But some of it was not shocking or surprising. Much of it was consistent with ongoing policy.

"Clark is a very moral person. He honestly felt he had to deliver a message."

Weiner noted that Mulroney "immediately responded by reiterating government policy....Within days of the Clark speech the Prime Minister sent a 3-page letter to the leaders of the three sponsoring organizations of the CIC. It was felt there had to be a statement on Canadian foreign policy.

"In a way it was a blessing, because it gave the Prime Minister the opportunity to state and restate his position. It was not damage control at all."

Weiner refused to say directly whether his personal view of the Arab-Israeli conflict differed from that of the government. He did say: "I am the government. There is no point in separating me from it. I have participated in the decision-making process. If I felt the government did not represent my views, I would walk away from it. This government speaks for me, especially on the Jewish agenda."

As the only Jewish member of the cabinet and government, Weiner said he does have a distinct contribution to make but his public role is to "shed light, not throw heat."

Weiner said there is no question in his mind that Mulroney is a steadfast friend of the Jewish people and Israel, adding that it is a "myth" that Liberal governments had a better record in that area.

"I'm very comfortable where the Prime Minister is (on the Middle East). His policy is very clear. Clark's speech in Edmonton (to the Jewish community) confirms that he and the Prime Minister are on the same wavelength."

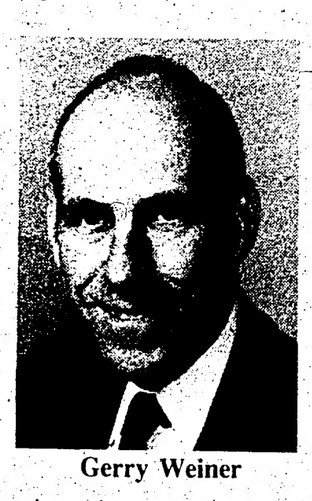
Weiner also mentioned Clark's consistent efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry, as well as the Jews of Ethiopia and Syria, as an indication of his interest in the Jewish community concerns.

Weiner has strong personal ties to Israel. He had two cousins who died in defending the state in the Golan and Jerusalem, and another cousin is now serving in Gaza.

Weiner has been to Israel "many times," his most recent trip in March, 1984, months before his election to Parliament.

Weiner refused to make any comment on the April meeting in Montebello, Que., between members of the Jewish and Arab communities, under the auspices of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, a Crown agency established by Parliament which may do research for or advise the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

"I was not invited (to Montebello) and have not been briefed on what happened. It appears to have been an initiative of the Institute, but perhaps it was at the instigation of external affairs."


Gerry Weiner

Weiner does believe that "it is not for people 6,000 miles away to find a solution (to the conflict). They can only be helpful to the interlocutors."

In response to a question of whether there is a possibility Canada will recognize the PLO, as some in the Jewish community fear, he said:

"Is it the same people who feared (Canada would recognize the PLO) in 1983 after (then External Affairs Minister Alan) McEachen went to Damascus and Amman, or when Trudeau spoke in the Arab capitals?"

Weiner will be the PC candidate in the new Pierrefonds-Dollard riding on Montreal's West Island in the next election. Under the electoral map revisions which come into effect in July, his former riding of Dollard was divided roughly in half, losing all of St. Laurent, which becomes a separate riding, and gaining more territory on the western tip of the Island of Montreal. His Liberal opponent will be Bernard Patry, a former mayor of Ile Bizard.

Weiner is not taking for granted his re-election; western Montreal voted overwhelmingly Liberal for generations before the PC's 1984 sweep. He is confident a PC majority government will be elected, but made no predictions on when the election will be called.

Weiner is thrilled with the multiculturalism portfolio, a job that allows him to fulfil a personal ambition of making all Canadians, regardless of background, feel an integral part of this country and its institutions.

In reviewing his previous post as junior immigration minister, Weiner expressed some disappointment with the harsh criticism of the two refugee bills.

"(CJC president) Dorothy Reitman doesn't speak for all the Jews of Canada. Her views do not represent the whole community. I didn't elect her to speak for me."

Maxwell invests in Ma'ariv

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — British press magnate Robert Maxwell has become a "substantial investor" in Ma'ariv, the country's second largest circulating newspaper.

Ma'ariv's managing director, Shimon Chiefetz, refused to confirm or deny unsubstantiated reports that Maxwell had purchased one-third of the shares in the Modi'in Publishing House, Ma'ariv's holding company, for $9 million. A Ma'ariv source said that Maxwell had insisted on obtaining more than 25% of the company's equity and that the investment amounted to "several million dollars."

The shares bought by Maxwell include the 20% previously owned by one of Ma'ariv's founders, Oved Ben-Ami.

According to a press statement, Maxwell was "invited" to invest in Ma'ariv because of the newspaper's "wish to be associated with a global communications and information company." The new investment should also help the newspaper in its recent bid for cable TV contracts in Israel.

Maxwell, a Czechoslovakian-born Jew, owns the Mirror Newspaper Group, which includes the Daily Mirror, the Sunday Mirror, and The People. In 1986, he launched the English language China Daily, which is printed in both Beijing and London. He recently invested in a new Montreal daily newspaper.

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Controversial decision angers Chief Rabbi

Rosen criticizes Israelis' decision on visas

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania has delivered one of the strongest attacks yet on the Israeli government's controversial decision to allow Soviet Jews leaving the USSR on Israeli visas no option but to come to Israel.

"If Theodor Herzl were to raise from his grave today, he would drop dead of shame. The decision is a shameful blot on Zionism," Rosen told The Jerusalem Post in a weekend interview. He was referring to the founder of the Zionist movement.

Rosen also was sharply critical of Israel's entire approach to the Soviet Jewry problem, which, he thought, was too public, too political and too secular.

The cabinet decided by majority vote June 19 to issue visas only to those Jews in the USSR who are committed to settling in Israel. To ensure that commitment, they will be required to fly directly to Tel Aviv via Romania, after picking up their visas at the Israel embassy in Bucharest.

The policy "will create a new category of Prisoners of Zion, people who are forced to come here," Rosen said. Prisoners of Zion is the term applied by Israelis to Jews imprisoned by the Soviet authorities because they were active for aliya.

Rosen's criticism of the cabinet's action is shared by such prominent former Refuseniks as Natan Scharansky and Yosef Mendelevich, who live in Israel, and by a significant number of Israeli commentators and politicians.

The criticism of the new policy by Rabbi Rosen contains no small degree of irony. As the spiritual and temporal leader of the Jewish community in Romania, he is credited in Israel with the mass aliya of Romanian Jews.

He was recently awarded a doctoral degree by the Hebrew University here. At a dinner in his honor later, Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres joined in praising Rosen's key role in promoting aliya over the past 40 years.

In that period, they noted, Romania's Jewish community, which numbered 400,000 in 1948, shrank to 20,000 today. Almost all of those Jews or their progeny now live in Israel.

This is Rosen's great achievement and source of pride, the Israeli leaders said.

The cabinet acknowledged that the new visa restrictions are a response to the so-called "dropout" phenomenon, the decision by the majority of Jews leaving the Soviet Union to resettle in countries other than Israel, chiefly the United States.

According to Rosen, Israel's leadership is responsible for the dropouts, because it treats Russian-Jewish aliya as a matter of "repatriation" with no other motivation.

"Most of the Russian Jews who leave are migrants trying to get away from Socialism," Rosen told The Post. "The Romanian Jews are olim (immigrants). They are motivated for aliya because we educate them for this."

He criticized Israel's confrontational approach to the Soviet Jewry issue over the years. Much of Romania's aliya was achieved through quiet diplomacy, coupled with intensive efforts to foster Jewish education and community organizations with spiritual values, Rosen said.

"The whole (Israeli) approach was wrong. They said, 'Let my people go,' but they forgot the rest of the verse: that 'They should worship me.' All the religious and cultural elements were taken out of the struggle. The slogan now is repatriation — and look what you've got: a 91% dropout rate," the Romanian chief rabbi said.

Anti-semitic books gaining popularity with the Japanese

LOS ANGELES — The proliferation of Japanese best-selling books with anti-semitic themes "continues unabated," according to Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, who has just returned from a fact-finding mission to Japan.

"What I found at virtually every one of the two dozen bookstands I visited in Tokyo were popularly priced books which blamed international Jewry for every conceivable problem from the overvaluation of the yen to a purported cover-up of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster," reported Rabbi Cooper. The latter theme is found in a May, 1988 book by Takashi Hirose entitled Find the Hyde of Dr. Jekyll, and is prominently displayed in Tokyo's two largest book chains.

One of the book's main themes is a charge that Armand Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Company, and other prominent Jews conspired to profit from the Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster. Another author, Masami Uno, has had a string of best selling books over the last two years which have sold in excess of 2.5 million copies. One of his books has been translated into Korean and he was recently invited to Seoul to share his "expertise" on world Jewry.

"Japan is a country very taken with literature that smacks of classic anti-semitic scapegoating. But unlike societies of the West and in the Islamic world, this phenomenon has not sparked any overt anti-semitic acts," Cooper said.

In a series of meetings with Japanese diplomats, scholars and representatives of the media, Cooper said that this trend in a country which has virtually no Jews was certain to have continued repercussions in at least three areas:

1. The unabated proliferation of the scurrilous anti-Jewish canards would inevitably have an influence on Japanese public opinion vis-a-vis the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

2. These works are damaging Japan's image in the U.S. and especially in the American Jewish community — this at a time when bilateral relations between the two economic superpowers is becoming increasingly contentious.

The continuing silence of Japanese authorities and intellectuals in wake of this anti-semitic campaign, coupled with Japan's rigorous adherence to the Arab boycott, seriously call into question Japan's ability to contribute to the Middle East peace process in an "even-handed fashion."

Labor leads Likud by a small margin

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Little more than four months before elections, the Labor Party holds a small edge over Likud among Israeli voters. But neither of the major parties will win a large enough mandate to govern by itself.

This is what emerged from the latest series of polls, conducted scientifically and at random, and made public last week.

The PORI organization surveyed 1,200 "undecided" voters who, according to its director, Raphael Gil, constitute about 20% of the electorate at this juncture. About one-fifth of them want a Labor victory, compared to 13% who favor Likud, Gil said.

The results, published in Haaretz, also found that 50% of the undecided voters favor territorial concessions for peace, 34% do not and 16% have no opinion. Territorial compromise is a position associated with Labor. It is opposed by Likud.

A Dahaf poll conducted at the beginning of June among 769 persons showed Labor winning 42 to 43 seats in the next Knesset to 40 seats for Likud.

A minimum of 61 seats is needed to govern.

The results of the poll, published in Al Hamishmar, gave the far right-wing Tehiya party and Tsomet a combined total of eight seats. Tsomet split from Tehiya earlier this year. On the far left, the Progressive List for Peace and the Rakah Communist Party would win seven seats between them.

Among the three religious parties, the most moderate, the National Religious Party, was predicted to win five Knesset seats. The ultra-Orthodox Shas and Agudat Yisrael parties were given four and two seats, respectively, according to the poll.

Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party would win two Knesset seats according to the poll. The new Center list would also get two seats. On the left, the Citizens Rights Movement was expected to win four seats and Mapam three or four.

The newspaper Hadashot published the results of a random poll conducted by placing ballot boxes at places where crowds gather from all over the country.

Clarification

It was stated in a story on the art of Toan Klein at the recent Toronto Economic Summit (CJN June 23) that the artist's mother is a Holocaust survivor. However, we are now advised by Klein that she managed to leave Europe before the Holocaust.

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Trip to USSR proves to be an eye-opener

Visit motivates teens to do more for Refuseniks

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Two youth members of a synagogue group just back from the Soviet Union hope to get the younger generation more active in the Soviet Jewry cause.

Laura Jacob, 16, and Jonathan Wasserman, 15, both of the Holy Blossom Temple, plan to educate their peers on the Soviet Jewry situation, and are already scheduled to address participants at a Haliburton-area temple youth camp in late August.

"It made me realize how much they (Refuseniks) need our help — they're almost begging for help from people in the West," Wasserman said of the trip.

"They need support, calls, letters and political action," said the grade 10 student at Earl Haig Secondary School.

The two young people were joined on the 12-day trip to Moscow and Leningrad by Anne Moorhouse, Holy Blossom's Soviet Jewry chairman, and the shul's assistant rabbi, David Azen.

Posing on a Moscow bridge are (from left) Jonathan Wasserman, Anne Moorhouse, Laura Jacob and Rabbi David Azen.

It's believed to be the first time two teenagers visited the Soviet Union without their parents as part of a Toronto synagogue group, Moorhouse told The CJN.

The teenagers — executive members of the temple's Pirchai Kodesh Youth Group — were selected by the shul's Soviet Jewry committee and two rabbis. The youth group spent two years selling boxed bagel breakfasts, holding car washes and other activities to raise funds to pay for most of Jacob's and Wasserman's trip.

During the visit to the Soviet Union, the delegation visited the homes of many Refusenik families, Moorhouse said.

In Leningrad, a dozen families — including Yakov Ioffe, Zinnady Ostrovsky and his wife Olga, and Boris Kelman — were visited. The group also attended a service at the Leningrad synagogue and visited two Refusenik study groups.

In Moscow, another dozen families were visited, including Refuseniks as well as Jews in a "poor relatives" group who want to apply to emigrate but can't because their immediate relatives refuse to sign waivers releasing them of financial obligations.

Also visited were Hebrew teachers, instructors of an illegal Jewish kindergarten, an illegal Jewish museum set up in a Refusenik's apartment, a Refusenik group known as Jewish Women Against Refusal, Refusenik families with youngsters who have been "twinned" with bar and bat mitzvah peers at Holy Blossom, and "second generation" Refuseniks who have grown up in refusal and are now themselves being denied exit visas.

Moorhouse said one of the trip's highlights was a visit to the home of English teacher Yudith Lurie, 45, and her husband, Emmanuel, 49, an organic chemist. The couple and their two daughters — Holy Blossom's adopted Refusenik family — have been applying to emigrate since 1979.

"It was an inspiring visit," Moorhouse said. "She (Yudith) was a tower of strength — very knowledgeable, very capable. She's a leader in the community. She's also very caring and sensitive."

Moorhouse, a clinical nurse specialist, said the trip made her realize how many Refuseniks are still denied visas on grounds of alleged possession of state secrets, despite glasnost (openness) and perestroika (economic restructuring).

She said she also saw first-hand how important visits by people in the West are in helping support Refuseniks and reducing their sense of isolation.

"They were also glad we had brought young people along and that they were learning what it was like to be in their situation," said Moorhouse, who believes the trip strengthened the group's commitment to the Soviet Jewry cause.

As a result of the trip, Azen said the group will likely write to Soviet officials asking them to make significant policy changes in terms of poor relatives and second generation Soviet Jews.

They'll also be seeking ways to help Jews who choose to remain in the Soviet Union or are unable to leave.

"We'll address the question of how to support them in maintaining a Jewish life there," the 29-year-old rabbi said.

Jacob, a grade 11 student at Northern Secondary, said she was most taken by the warmth of Refuseniks during her visit.

"It seemed like we were meeting old friends. They really shared their lives with us. They would show us family pictures and we would show them ours.

"They would talk about their family — their family history and their family situation — and we also had some religious discussions," said Jacob, who is president of Pirchai Kodesh

Wasserman, the youth group's secretary, said the trip made him more aware of the situation in the Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

"I think it's made me value how much we have here as opposed to living there in terms of freedom. All the time they're looking over their shoulders wondering if something they're going to do is going to hold them in the Soviet Union for another 10 years."

The West also has a much higher standard of living and there are many more activities here, he added.

Tel Aviv U honors Brailovsky

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

U.S. Congress has dropped an amendment from the 1989 Defence Authorization Bill that Soviet Jewry groups feared could dilute the power of the 1975 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

The decision on the amendment, introduced by Sen. James McClure, was made in the House-Senate conference committee resolving differences between each chamber's version of the defence bill.

However, McClure's press secretary says the senator intends to "revisit the issue" and may attach it to another bill.

The Senate in mid-May by voice vote approved the amendment, which would have made conferral of most-favored-nation-trade status on the Soviet Union contingent on overall Soviet compliance to the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, and not just to emigration standards described in Jackson-Vanik.

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Ex-Refusenik Victor Brailovsky, a prominent cyberneticist, has received an honorary PhD in Philosophy from the Tel Aviv University.

The doctorate — presented to him by his brother, Michael — was given in recognition of Brailovsky's leading role in Soviet Jewry's struggle for the right of cultural expression and aliya. The event was held at a festive reunion of former Prisoners of Zion and Refuseniks at the Israeli university.

Brailovsky — a lecturer at Tel Aviv University's School of Mathematical Sciences — was originally conferred the degree "in absentia" in 1984. At that time, his brother, who lives in Israel, accepted the scroll. — **B.S.**

MKs want Kahane out

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
The Knesset would like to be rid of Rabbi Meir Kahane and his radical right-wing Kach movement. Members of Israel's parliament are seeking to bar him from standing for reelection in November.

The Knesset's general abhorrence of what has come to be known as Kahanism was demonstrated last week by its swift dismissal of a non-confidence motion introduced by Kach to protest "the way the government handles the security situation."

Kahane warned that if the government fails to protect the "lives of the people, an underground should be formed."

In fact, there are signs that Kahane is gaining political strength as Palestinian unrest continues in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with no end in sight. His political slogan about the Arabs, "Let me take care of them," appears to be making headway with an Israeli public increasingly frustrated by the government's inability to crush the uprising.

Recent opinion polls gave Kach at least three seats in the next Knesset. It now has one, occupied by Kahane. Mock elections held by high school students showed he has much wider support among the younger generation than with the population at large.

In the last elections in 1984, soldiers voted for Kahane in much greater numbers than the general electorate. He missed winning a second Knesset seat by only a few hundred votes.

While many Knesset members of all political persuasions abhor Kahane's blatant appeals to Arab-hating, the right-wing parties — Likud, Tehiya, Tsomet — have good reason to fear Kach. They know that any gains it makes in the upcoming elections will be at their expense.

Conversely, if Kach is prevented from running, the rightist parties will benefit.

As many Israelis see it, there are other good reasons to eliminate Kahanism from legitimate political discourse. Former Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has likened it to Nazism.

The Knesset is looking to certain amendments to the basic election laws adopted in 1985. They could be used to exclude both Kach and the far left-wing Progressive List for Peace from the next elections.

One amendment requires a Knesset candidate to be a citizen of Israel. If he holds dual citizenship, as the American-born Kahane does, he must relinquish the foreign citizenship.

Kahane keeps his American passport for a number of reasons, including fund raising for Kach in the United States. But he may give it up if he faces exclusion from the election on such technical grounds.

But Kach may find it difficult to meet other conditions.

One amendment to the basic law bars any party that advocates, explicitly or implicitly, "negation of the existence of the State of Israel as the state of the Jewish people, negation of the democratic character of the state and incitement to racism."

The last two strictures could be applied to Kach. The first would affect the Progressive List for Peace, which has two seats in the present Knesset. One is held by an Arab, Mohammed Miari, and the other by Israel Defence Force reserve Gen. Matityahu Peled.

Gladman gets BB Canada post

TORONTO —
B'nai B'rith Canada has announced the appointment of Pearl Gladman as associate national director.

In the newly-created position, Gladman will be responsible for the supervision of the regional field operation of the organization and its national foundation, said Ted Greenfield, national personnel chairman.

She will also participate in the supervision of BB Canada's national agenies and cabinets, including the League for Human Rights, the Institute for International Affairs and BB's youth agencies.

Gladman, a former national field services director, is an active Na'amat volunteer and a member of the Beth Avraham Yosef Congregation. She

Pearl Gladman

recently participated in a human rights mission to Romania and Hungary, and also visited Israel and met with senior members of the foreign ministry and the Jewish Agency.

Gladman received her education at Seneca College and the Eitz Chaim Schools in Toronto.

Hate bill signed

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
President Reagan has signed into law the "hate crimes" bill which imposes federal criminal penalties for damage to religious property.

The bill, originally proposed by Rep. Dan Glickman, imposes fines up to $250,000 and/or up to 10 years imprisonment for anyone convicted of causing more than $10,000 in damage to a religious institution or cemetery or serious bodily injury to anyone trying to exercise his or her religious beliefs.

"We've sent a clear message to organizations of hate that racist and racial religious violence will not be tolerated," Glickman said after both houses of Congress approved the bill.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The 4th of July marks the establishment of the United States and the unprecedented propagation of democratic values. In a traditional Jewish state, the latter would apply only to a limited degree.

Author Rabbi Eli Munk, a former Torontonian now living in Jerusalem, points out that the underlying tenet of any system of legislative sovereignty of the people is the principle that human beings can be the authors of their own salvation. This "is so opposed to Jewish philosophy that anyone subscribing to it is guilty of the most fundamental heresy." With the Torah at Mount Sinai, the Jewish people embraced as supreme God's comprehensive legislation governing all aspects of life.

Belief in the infallibility of a single human mind or human collective constitutes a severe form of idolatry. In the lands of their dispersion, Jews confront any human or collective whose rule violates the Seven Commandments of Noah, the laws assigned in the Bible to non-Jews. While uplifting humankind from moral and ethical barbarity, Jews have suffered heavily for this opposition, most notably as targets of total eradication by the most extreme of dictators.

For the Jews in their own land, any form of government outside the framework of the Torah is a violation of the covenant between them and God. This is the bottom line.

Torah power

The power of Jewish kings was regulated by the Torah. As administrators, they could not (cannot, rather), for example, declare war outside the borders of the Holy Land without the approval of the supreme religious council, the legislative Sanhedrin. Its constituents, his "ministers," were no feuding illiterate dukes or barons but, according to Maimonides, the generation's most accomplished authorities in natural science as well as religion, and were of unblemished character. They provided the checks and balances on a kingship that became hereditary. A line of prophets presented the king with warnings from God when he overstepped moral and ethical bounds.

A notable rejection of majority will took place when more than half of Jerusalem's populace demanded that King Hezekiah surrender to Sennacherib's surrounding Assyrian army. The prophet Isaiah, certain of God's support, tells him to disregard the majority's will. It was "a confederation of the wicked," the Talmud says in its description of the event. The Talmud concludes that "a confederation of the wicked is not counted." The term came to refer to any majority that does not express God's will.

In Judaism, rules and privileges basically apply to all Jews. Those of ancient Greece, the perceived paragon of democracy, were only for a small group of rulers and citizens supported by extensive slavery.

Modern concepts like human rights, equality, and dignity of the individual have been part of Torah law from the start, part of the "conscious" Judaism has been giving to a world often unwilling to accept it. Their secular application remains unlinked to the recognition of God, at best a stepping stone to the appreciation of their true value.

In secular democracy at its best, obtaining public office involves a kind of competition that violates the principle of "walking humbly with your Lord," as Munk points out. From there, the possibilities for deceit, corruption, unbridled self-interest, and other evils abound.

In a Torah state, office is attained through *smicha*, an appointment through qualification and merit with the ultimate approval of the head of the Sanhedrin. Governing practices between a Torah state and a secular democracy also differ, as indicated by their legal systems. The West's unanimity of jurors needed in capital cases, for example, is not employed in corresponding cases under Jewish law.

While voting is resorted to in cases of halachic ambiguity, it is the will of God and not the people that underlies Jewish law, from the kitchen or bedroom to the height of national self-determination. "The Almighty Himself," writes Toronto's Rabbi Immanuel Shochet in *Who Is A Jew*, "makes the final decision . . . through His approval or veto as expressed in His revelation."

MP replies to Matas

Clark rules out Waldheim boycott

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — External Affairs Minister Joe Clark has thrown cold water on suggestions Canada boycott events involving Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, officially ban him from entry to Canada and that it vote to end his United Nations pension.

In a recent letter to Winnipeg lawyer David Matas, spokesman for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, Clark repeated the government's "serious reservations about Dr. Waldheim's past record.

"I can reconfirm to you that he would not be welcome in Canada," Clark said.

However, the minister ruled out a complete boycott of events involving the Austrian president.

"Within Austria, we consider it important that we do not cut off the Canadian government from the Austrian people who pariticipate in a great number of events in which Dr. Waldheim might be present," he said.

Clark responded to Matas' suggestion of voting to rescind Waldheim's UN pension by noting inquiries with the UN Secretariat and other member nations have proven fruitless.

Waldheim's pension was established by a resolution of the General Assembly and, being a budgetary matter, would require a ⅔ majority to rescind it.

"It is very doubtful that such a resolution would obtain anything close to that majority," Clark stated.

As a former UN secretary-general — he served from 1972-82 — Waldheim will continue to receive his yearly pension of $81,650 (U.S.).

In a letter to Clark early this spring, Matas called Waldheim's personal history "a flagrant contradiction to the ideas of the UN Charter. The UN system was built as a direct reaction to and rejection of the Nazi menace," he noted.

He said Waldheim should be officially barred from entry to Canada as both as a gesture of Canadians' "repugnance" at his behavior and to acknowledge the country's role in Waldheim's advancement in the diplomatic world.

"Records in Canadian hands showed Waldheim as a major war crimes suspect at a time when Canada accepted (him) first as ambassador to Canada and then as secretary-general to the UN," Matas stated.

Waldheim, elected president of Austria in 1986, has been the subject of intense controversy ever since his wartime role as a German intelligence officer in the Balkans was publicly revealed. Tens of thousands of Jews were rounded up in the area in which he served and deported to death camps.

In his autobiography, Waldheim suggested he was a student at the time. Following ongoing investigation, he was forced to admit he served as an intelligence officer in Yugoslavia and Salonika, Greece at the time, but he claimed he was unaware of deportations or atrocities.

An international commission of historians, appointed to investigate Waldheim's wartime activities, reported in February that he must have been aware of atrocities. The commission also concluded he "repeatedly assisted in connection with illegal actions and thereby facilitated in their execution."

Clark, in his letter to Matas, noted that some of the commission's judgments "are extremely severe on Dr. Waldheim's performance, especially when they address his knowledge of those crimes."

Clark's letter does not mark the end of the matter, said Ellen Kachuck, director of B'nai B'rith's Institute for International Affairs.

"We will continue the dialogue with external affairs" as new information comes to light, she said.

Though disappointed at Clark's reply to Matas, Kachuck said she was gratified by the extent of Clark's investigation into the matter.

"Unfortunately he's probably correct" about the inability to garner a ⅔ majority in the UN to rescind Waldheim's pension, she said. "That speaks volumes about the dismal state of the UN."

Palestinians stay home, ignore calls for protests

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Palestinian underground leadership's call for protests marking the anniversary of East Jerusalem's annexation by Israel 21 years ago was only partly answered last week. A general strike paralyzed transportation and trade, but most of the stone-throwers stayed home.

Soldiers barred Palestinians living in the territories from entering Jerusalem, while hundreds of police and border policemen patrolled the city.

Locked metal shutters covered East Jerusalem store fronts. Only 30 to 40% of pupils in government-funded schools went to classes, but the 1,500 Arab municipal employees reported for work as usual, said the municipality's director-general, Aharon Sarig.

Police reported no stone-throwing incidents in East Jerusalem, which Police inspector-general David Kraus attributed to the massive police presence in the capital. Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, who toured the capital, pointed out that tourists were safely walking around the city.

"Leaflet number 20 (of the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising) called upon (Jerusalem's Arabs) to go out into the streets in order to cut off East Jerusalem from the western part of the city," he said. "But that directive wasn't carried out. Jerusalem is unified and will remain unified."

The leaflet had called for a strike as well as marches in Jerusalem and the territories under the slogan: "Jerusalem, the capital of the Palestinian state."

The only demonstrations were by Jerusalem's Jewish population. A caravan of 30 to 40 cars draped with the national flag made its way to the Jewish neighborhoods surrounding the city centre, passing through East Jerusalem on Sultan Suleiman St. Police prevented the vehicles from entering Jerusalem's Jebel Mukaber neighborhood, near East Talpiot. The caravan was the response to the local branch of the Herut Party to Leaflet 20.

Later in the day, the left-wing Stop the Occupation (Dai Lekibush) group protested across from the Old City's New Gate. "Unification plus annexation equals occupation," their signs said.

Gaza City was a virtual ghost town as residents stayed indoors to participate in a strike. Elsewhere in the Strip, tens of thousands of Palestinians were confined to their dwellings as the army imposed curfews on most refugee camps. Jabaliya, Beit Lahiya and Deir el-Balah were declared closed military zones and non-residents were barred from entering.

Meanwhile, two more reservists were sentenced to prison terms for refusing to serve in the territories, the Yesh Gvul movement reported. The latest jailings bring to 25 the total known number of reservists imprisoned for refusal to serve in the territories since the start of the uprising.

Corporal Adi Ofir, a university professor, and sergeant Eitan Bronstein were sentenced to 21 days in prison, and a 14-day suspended sentence.

CJC welcomes reparations move by East Germany

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose has welcomed news that East Germany is prepared to pay reparations to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

"CJC has been in constant communication with the Canadian government on this matter since 1971," stated Rose. "Canada supported our claims and we are most pleased with the decision by the German Democratic Republic to extend humanitarian aid to Jewish victims of Nazi oppression."

For a number of years now, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has been negotiating with the East German government concerning Jewish claims. In June, 1987, Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the claims conference, met in East Berlin with East German leader Erich Honecker.

"Many discussions have taken place with the GDR foreign minister, as well as other senior officials. Talks are still continuing," Rose added.

The conference represents 22 major national and international Jewish organizations throughout the world.

Teachers prepare Holocaust course

FREDERICTON — Approximately 30 provincial high school history teachers are participating in a 5-day "Institute on Holocaust Education" now under way here.

The Institute, sponsored by the province's department of education in cooperation with the University of New Brunswick, is designed as a professional development training program to acquaint educators with a new "Holocaust education" curriculum, to be introduced in the fall.

The curriculum focuses on the history of the Holocaust — the planned murder of millions of Jews by the Nazis — and its continuing relevance. It will be taught as an element of the grade 11 Modern History course.

The teachers' in-service training program will include film study, lectures and discussion with university staff and guest speakers.

Harold Troper, professor of history at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto, is scheduled to address the educators.

Troper is co-author of None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe, 1933-48, a look at Canada's restrictive policy towards Jewish immigration.

Also slated as guest speakers are Crown Attorney Peter Griffiths, who prosecuted Toronto Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel at his first trial in 1983, and Herman Newman, a Halifax businessman who survived wartime imprisonment in Auschwitz and Dachau.

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Grave concern

During the 1936-1939 upheavals in Palestine, Arab nationalists found many an available target within the Yishuv, the pre-state community of Jews, upon which to unleash their violence.

Arson against forests, however, was not a major activity — for one specific reason: there was little forested land on the topography of Eretz Yisrael. Two thousand years of abuse and neglect had denuded the mighty forest grottos of the past.

Reforestation of the area was one of the goals of the first fathers of Israel. They began their work even before the state was created, but after 1948 the planting of trees received a major impetus and became a national priority, under the Jewish National Fund, of the emergent state.

The resulting reforestation after 40 years has transformed many parts of the Land of Israel into verdant oases of cool greenery and stands as a tribute to the idealism and the devotion of the early pioneers. Forests in Israel are the cherished symbols of the Jewish state.

In the past several weeks Arab arsonists, urged on by calls to attack Israel's agriculture, have sought to deface that symbol by carrying out the new phase of their intifada by means of a war against trees. Thousands of acres of forests have been put to the torch in the north of the country and in the Jerusalem area.

Even in timber-rich Canada, where forest fires are an annual feature, the loss of so many trees would occasion much regret. In Israel the magnitude of the loss is catastrophic. The knowledge that Palestinian arsonists are responsible for the vast majority of the fires is cause for grave concern because it marks an ominous and aggressive new phase in the war of chaos initiated by the Arabs in late 1987.

We can sympathize with the comment made by the Prime Minister of Israel about this situation: "It is impossible to look with equanimity on the destruction of all that is green and beautiful in our country. We must stand firm against those who wish to return us to the desert."

It is obvious that the government of Israel will take every step necessary to prevent the activities of those who would reverse a half century of toil on the Land of Israel.

Kudos to Yale

Yale University in New Haven, Conn., is one of the world's greatest institutions of higher learning. The university's famous press, its distinguished faculty and bright students have made Yale a synonym for academic excellence.

Now Yale has another distinction: it is the first university, to our knowledge, to have opened, via the Young Israel House on campus, a glatt kosher soup kitchen which welcomes guests each Sunday evening.

As reported in the Jewish Journal (June 17), the kitchen got started through the exertions of several Jewish students on the Yale campus who wanted to expose their colleagues to a unique mitzvah experience.

Since the kosher kitchen at the Young Israel House operates throughout the week, it was not difficult to add an extra supper on Sunday evenings. Organizers decided to consult with other soup kitchens in the New Haven area and it was discovered that on Sunday evenings they were all closed.

As a result of their investigations the students at the kosher facility invited a member of the Wandering Monks of Emmaus, a specialist in working with the underprivileged, to assist them in their novel catering enterprise.

It is heartening to report that a kosher provisioner in the New Haven area has donated a weekly supply of meat to the kitchen — which now feeds from 40 to 70 indigent men each Sunday evening.

The preparation and serving of the food at the soup kitchen are done by student volunteers. One of the volunteers said of her parents' reaction to her activity: "When they heard I was working at the soup kitchen they were so proud of me they gave me a donation for it instead of a birthday present."

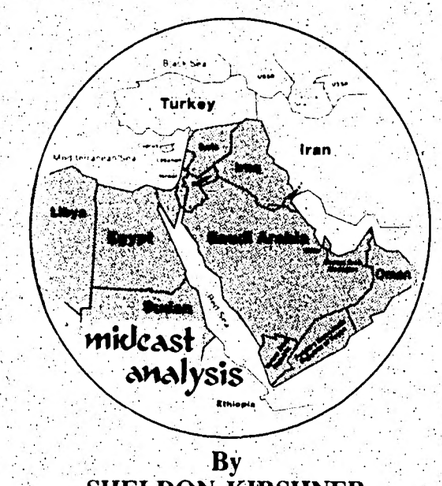
Some initial anxieties about the type of people who would show up for the meals have been dispelled by the exemplary conduct of men who come to eat and chat with each other at the Yale kosher kitchen.

Rabbi Michael Whitman, the advisor to the Young Israel House, says in fact: "What makes me most proud of the students is when they sit down to talk with these people after serving them dinner. The warm interaction is mutually beneficial."

Kudos to the Yale University Young Israel House for its translation of the words of Torah into worthy deeds.

Two smiling Russian women, members of the Omsk Ballet visiting Israel, fondle a fake bear.

Thaw in Soviet-Israel relations



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It was bound to happen, sooner or later. After almost a generation of unremitting hostility, the Soviet Union is gradually relaxing its icy attitude to Israel.

A definite thaw is under way. It is nearly spring in Soviet-Israeli relations.

Under the new, seemingly pragmatic leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev, the secretary-general of the Communist Party, Moscow is adopting a measure of *glasnost*, or openness, in the conduct of Soviet foreign policy. Rigid formulations are falling by the wayside as the Soviet Union reexamines its options.

In line with its apparent decision to deemphasize its ties with the radical bloc in the Arab world, the Soviet Union is expanding relations with conservative Arab regimes and Israel.

It is a far cry from the days, in the aftermath of the Six Day War, when the Soviets were feverishly rearming Arab armies that had been soundly defeated by Israel, voicing support for Palestinian armed struggle against Israel and denouncing the Jewish state in harsh, polemical terms unbecoming of a superpower.

Moscow, having foolishly broken diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 war, only began to regret that move years later. Without such direct relations, the Soviet Union could not play a meaningful role in efforts to find a political solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, leaving the field open to its rival, the U.S., Israel's benefactor.

If there was a phrase to describe Soviet policy during this period, it may well have been diplomatic obstructionism. Judging by its encouragement of Arab hardline policies toward Israel, one got the disquieting impression that it was more interested in perpetuating the Arab-Israeli conflict than in defusing it.

With Gorbachev's ascendancy, the climate has changed for the better in Moscow. When the president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, visited the Soviet Union recently, he said he detected a "new, positive atmosphere" in the Russian leadership.

Ideologically, the Soviet Union has not altered its negative view of Zionism as a form of decadent bourgeois nationalism. But the Soviets, who were the first to extend de jure recognition to Israel, have come to the belated conclusion that they erred in severing links with Israel in 1967 and that they cannot influence events in the region unless they maintain direct contact with the Israelis.

Along with these considerations, the Soviet Union realizes that its attempt to improve relations with the West in general and with the U.S. in particular will no doubt be enhanced if its attitude to Israel is less hostile.

Concomitantly, the Soviets understand that if they are to prevent a Pax Americana in the Middle East, they have no choice but to cultivate relations with *all* the countries of the region, including Israel.

From a political point of view, it simply makes no sense for a great power to ignore this reality.

Being cautious and basically conservative, the Soviets have trod carefully in repairing their ties with Israel. From occasional meetings between the two sides in the 1970s and early 1980s, the pace picked up considerably with Gorbachev's rise to power. A real breakthrough occurred in August of 1986, in Helsinki, when Soviet and Israeli diplomats held publicly announced talks for the first time since the Six Day War. Last summer, a Russian consular mission arrived in Israel under the guise of surveying Soviet property in the Holy Land and registering the few Soviet citizens who live there.

The Soviets were scheduled to remain in Israel for about two months. But it now seems clear that they never intended to leave. The Soviet mission is, in effect, Moscow's embassy in Israel. Later this month, a team of Israeli diplomats will visit Moscow, and, on the basis of reciprocity, will presumably be permitted to set up what amounts to an interest section there.

Until several years ago, the Soviet Union's terms for reestablishing full relations with Israel centred around a total Israeli withdrawal from the territories. But, recognizing the futility of its position, the Soviets now say that they will go back to the status quo ante if Israel agrees to participate in an international peace conference.

At the end of his recent meeting in New York with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze confirmed this, declaring that the resumption of relations is "interlocked" with the question of an international conference, which the Likud opposes.

Despite their inability to reach a consensus on future relations, the meeting represented a milestone, inasmuch as it was the first time an Israeli Prime Minister had met a Soviet foreign minister.

The Soviets had prepared the ground for it.

In 1987, during a visit to Syria, Gorbachev surprised his hosts by saying it was "abnormal" for the Soviet Union not to have relations with Israel, Syria's chief foe.

In April of this year, Gorbachev urged PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to respect Israel's security and territorial rights. As he put it: "The Palestinians are a people with a difficult fate. But they receive broad international support, and this is the guarantee for resolving the main question for Palestinians — self-determination. In the same way, recognition of the State of Israel, consideration of its security interests... is a necessary element for the establishment of peace and good neighborliness..."

Shortly afterward, Shevardnadze said: "Attempts to press for a settlement without balancing the interests of all parties without exception... will inevitably lead to deadlock, as they run counter to logic and the lessons of history."

On the eve of the superpower summit in Moscow, Gorbachev noted: "...we proceed from the assumption that the people of Israel, the State of Israel, have the right to their own security, because there can be no security for one at the expense of another."

At around the same time, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held talks with the Soviet ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly Dubinin. In an exultant mood, Peres emerged from the meeting to say that Moscow was no longer demanding a full Israeli withdrawal from the territories, the creation of an independent Palestinian state and an international peace conference with coercive powers.

Moscow, however, still insists on a substantial Israeli pullout from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights. And it regards the PLO — Israel's nemesis — as an essential participant in peace negotiations.

"The Soviet support for the Arabs' struggle does not mean the rejection of any relations with Israel on principle," comments Oleg Fomin in a dispatch written for the Novosti Press Agency. "We do not deny Israel's right to existence and we do not treat its people with hostility. But we cannot put up with Tel Aviv's position regarding the Palestinians and other Arab peoples."

The disagreements to which he refers obliquely have not stopped the Soviet Union from warming up cultural and scientific ties with Israel. In 1987, the Omsk Ballet toured Israel. Last month, the first official delegation from the Soviet Academy of Sciences was in Israel, and then a Soviet delegation accepted an invitation to attend a film festival in Jerusalem.

Furthermore, the Soviets have agreed to let a noted Israeli Talmudic scholar, Rabbi Adin Steinsalz, establish a rabbinical academy in Moscow within the foreseeable future.

Amid all this, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has risen. The number of Jews being allowed to leave falls short of the record set in 1979. But it exceeds by far the rate of the last few years.

Obviously, the atmosphere in Moscow has improved as the Soviet Union opens up a new chapter in its often stormy relationship with Israel.

Opinion

The way they were...

...This is now.

University of Toronto alumni...

Wayne and Shuster lead fund raising campaign

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Inside a modestly appointed and slightly cramped Yonge St. office with a Shuster and Wayne name plate on the door, a colorful map representing world conquest sits on the wall.

And as in the headquarters of some advancing army, colorful pins placed in strategic locations on the map trace the location of another helpless victim of the Shuster and Wayne attack on the funny bone.

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Australia, West Germany, Italy, the U.S., France and the Ivory Coast have all fallen to Shuster and Wayne's gentle comedic assaults.

Wait a minute. Can this Shuster and Wayne duo — the tall, suave, straight man, the short, spunky one — be related to Canada's own comedic kibbitzers and CBC stalwarts, Wayne and Shuster?

You know, the short, spunky one and the tall, suave one. The ones Ed Sullivan used to introduce on his Sunday night variety show more often than any other act.

Yes, indeed. But for a simple twist of fate, millions of Canadians, Americans and Ivory Coasters would be chuckling and guffawing to the zany antics dished up Shuster and Wayne.

A long time ago, when God was a boy, Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster were known by the former appellation. But a veteran agent with an ear for names and an eye for talent advised them that Wayne and Shuster flowed off the tongue more lyrically.

And so generations of fans have delighted in Wayne and Shuster's comedic capers. The earlier designation survives only on one of two doors into the duo's one office.

"It's my door, I get top billing," quips Shuster.

But like in a skit the two writer-performers might have dreamed up, the two doors both open into the same, compact office. At one end, it's equipped with a computer terminal and keypad on which the more modern Wayne pounds out his ideas for the scripts; nearby a pad of paper, goose quill and ink is furnished for the technology-wary Shuster. (The material is just as funny when written by pencil, he maintains.)

The colorful wall map sits at the other end of the office. The two comics point to it with pride. To them, the worldwide exposure and the receptiveness of audiences everywhere is both satisfying and shows the success of their brand of humor — never mean or obscene, never lowbrow or snooty.

It's something everyone of every age group can enjoy. Or as their executive producer Len Starkman says, it's "in the best of taste for the family audience."

Shuster and Wayne, er, Wayne and Shuster, have been household names in Canada for at least 30 years, perhaps earlier. As their fans can recall, the pair's history goes back even before World War II.

Prior to their wartime service entertaining Canadian troops, they developed their shtik and sketch comedy with the University of Toronto's Hart House Follies, a musical revue with original music that were "the events of the year."

And even before that, in high school at Harbord Collegiate, they performed for 14-year-old Boy Scouts and earned $40 — top dollar back then, Wayne says.

"We even got some laughs," says Shuster. "We remember the jokes that didn't work...we don't use them anymore."

Sitting around a board room table at the 12th floor office of a downtown Toronto glass tower, Wayne and Shuster take a little time to warm up to their new audience. They're talking to The CJN, looking back on their comedy careers, primarily because of a serious subject.

The two U of T alumni are spearheading a significant, and challenging, fund raising campaign that has set for itself the not-so-modest goal of raising $50 million from individual donors.

It's all part of a massive $100 million Breakthrough campaign, billed as the largest private fund raising effort in Canadian history.

Its goal is to find the funds to vault the venerable university into the 21st century — to upgrade facilities, modernize buildings, obtain new equipment and provide new research and scholarship programs.

Institution needs funds for modernization

Part of the planned improvements is a $1.3 million allocation earmarked to support a professorship in the school of Jewish studies.

When discussing their alma mater's financial difficulties, W & S quickly shed their gentle, light-hearted manner and take on an earnest air.

The University of Toronto is one of the great universities of the world," says Wayne. "But it's not able to keep up...It's as if Harvard or Yale were falling apart."

"There's a lot of brick and mortar that has to be restored," says Shuster.

The $100 million is really just a "minimum" to get needed changes made, they say: to maintain its role as "the cutting edge of research," to "computerize" the library and to provide the scholarships so "we don't lose our best minds to other universities."

And how did they get involved as co-chairmen of the individual donors section of the campaign?

"We were drafted," says Wayne.

But more seriously, their appeal to the Jewish community is quite direct: "It's in the finest tradition of Judaism, fund raising for education," they say. "Our tradition puts education above everything."

Both their educations were interrupted by World War II in the midst of plans to pursue postgraduate studies in English. They eventually found themselves together in the military service, entertaining troops with their brand of humor inspired by the Marx Brothers, Jack Benny and George Burns.

Their big break came after the war when they were signed to do a Saturday night radio show that quickly vaulted them to widespread popularity.

In 1950, they made their first television appearance on the Toni Twin Time show in the U.S. Three years later they began their enduring association with the CBC — at first shooting everything live.

Those were the days when stage hands would walk through a set and where supposedly "dead bodies" would get up.

"It wasn't the golden age of television," says Wayne. "It was lead."

In 1958 they were signed to do the Ed Sullivan show after Sullivan had been approached by countless Canadians in airports everywhere asking him why he didn't book Wayne and Shuster for his "really big shoo."

After perusing a tape of their material, Sullivan offered them the opportunity to be on every 2nd show for the entire year. They declined that offer, but performed 16 times that season and 67 times altogether from 1958-71, a record no other act comes close to matching.

Their first shtik on the Sullivan show — some say their most memorable — was a spoof of Julius Caesar called "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga."

The sketch opens with Wayne announcing: "I'm Flavius Maximus, private Roman eye. My licence number is XIX-VIXXI. It also comes in handy as an eye chart. If you can't read it, you're nearsighted. If you can pronounce it, you're Polish."

Sticking a little Jewish flavor in the sketch, Caesar's widow complains at one point in a Yiddish accent: "I said to him, Julie don't go. I said. It's the Ides of March, already."

A skit about baseball that appeared on the Sullivan show combined a dollop of English literature with a small chunk of Americana — like Willam Shakespeare meeting Yogi Berra.

Responding to an umpire's call of a foul ball, Wayne says: "So fair a foul I have not seen. Get thee to an optometrist."

Shuster recalls a more recent send off of the sci-fi favorite, Star Trek, in which he plays Captain Kirk and Wayne portrays Mr. Spock, the half-Vulcan, half-human science officer.

They're surprised when their intergalactic voyages bring them to a planet controlled entirely by women — Alpha Yente.

On being questioned by the inhabitants Spock informs everyone he's "not a complete Vulcan. My mother was a Rotenberg. Not the rich ones, but we were well off."

The men on the planet were subordinated completely to the women, says Spock, like in Forest Hill village.

Gentle barbs that ethnic groups could appreciate are also in the W & S repertoire. In one skit which their Italian friends would appreciate, Wayne says "I just returned from a battle with Florence...I don't know why I married that woman."

The ethnic jokes are delivered with affection, never malice, Shuster says. "People get a kick out of them and say, 'hey, they're landsmen.' "

Their latest creation is an up-to-date version of the Shakespearean classic, Macbeth, but given the W&S treatment. In this case, it's done as a murder mystery more in the spirit of Cagney and Lacey than the Bard of Avon.

The idea for the special has been germinating in their minds for 30 years, says Shuster, who along with Wayne writes just about all the pair's material.

The July 16 (7.30 p.m.) special is one of three features they are filming for CBC this year to go along with 10 half-hour shows.

And what can viewers expect to see? More of the W&S comedy style. Skits and spoofs that the whole family can enjoy. If parents would have to send their children out of the room because of the show's language or content, they won't do it.

"If we wanted to offend people, we'd take on another job," says Wayne.

"If I wanted to hurt someone, I'd be a terrorist."

Letter to the editor

Jewish studies priority

The University of Toronto campaign for $100 million includes as a top priority funding for Jewish studies.

How will the Jewish community respond to this opportunity? How many Jewish donors will shy away from contributing to Jewish Studies because to do so will appear unduly parochial? If we don't support Jewish Studies, who will?

The University of Toronto is the leading centre for Jewish Studies in Canada and has one of the finest programs outside Israel. The Judaic collection in the Robarts Library is superb. Among its faculty in Jewish Studies are scholars of international renown. U of T is the first university outside Israel to have direct access to the invaluable Bar-Ilan database. The Schwartz Lecture Fund and the Halbert Exchange Program give us access to leading Judaic scholars elsewhere.

There are, however, deficiencies in the program. It requires a focus. This could be provided by a proposed Centre for Jewish Studies, if funds can be found to launch such a centre. We offer a course on the Holocaust but students should know what was destroyed in the Holocaust and its aftermath. We need to add to our faculty scholars in East and Central European History, Sephardi history, Yiddish and other areas.

Other ethnic groups have dedicated chairs at U of T and elsewhere. Our community should do no less.

Arthur M. Kruger
Acting Chair
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Opinion

Only publication of its kind

Points East delves into Chinese-Jewish history

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A chance encounter with a dusty old book in the stacks of Toronto's York University was impetus enough to propel Anson Laytner into the ranks of a small but highly devoted group dedicated to promoting the study of Chinese Jewish history.

Today, more than 15 years later, Laytner — an ordained Reform rabbi — is editor of Points East, which is published by The Sino-Judaic Institute in Palo Alto, California. Points East is the only publication of its kind in the world.

Laytner, a Toronto boy and a graduate of Hebrew Union College, has edited Points East since its inception three years ago. Printed three times a year, Points East is an eclectic bulletin of news about Chinese Jewish history and developments in China's evolving relations with Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora.

In terms of design, Points East is rather dull and dry and unoriginal, lacking pizazz, and there can be no doubt that it could use a facelift. But for all its minor faults, which a competent art director could easily rectify, Points East is a treasure trove. A glimpse at several of the latest editions reveals articles running the gamut from a scholarly analysis of China's policy in the Middle East to a first-person account of Chinese Jews in Kaifeng — which, in its heyday hundreds of years ago, was a major centre of Jewish settlement in China.

The Sino-Judaic Institute, of which Laytner is secretary, is a non-profit and non-political organization. It was founded in June of 1985 by an international group of scholars and laypersons.

According to Laytner, the guiding spirit behind it was Prof. Louis Schwartz of California. Schwartz, having visited Jews in Kaifeng in 1984, returned to the U.S. filled with the desire to preserve the artifacts and monuments of the historic Jewish presence in China, to educate the few remaining Jews there about their heritage and to work for the inclusion of a Judaica section in Kaifeng's planned municipal museum.

He and his friend, Leo Gabow, called a meeting, and The Sino-Judaica Institute was formed. Gabow is its current president.

Membership, though minuscule, is steadily growing. "We've never done any publicity. After all, how many people are interested in Chinese Jews?"

Jewish traders from the Middle East reached China as early as the 8th century. The community was always numerically insignificant and exceedingly isolated. Through a process of acculturation, Jews were so thoroughly assimilated that the overwhelming majority lost their identities, forgetting the cultural and religious traditions of their ancestors. Hebrew, which they had brought with them to China, faded away as their ancestral language.

Laytner, who has been to China once, says that amid the multitudes of China there are no more than 200 Jews "who call themselves Jews in their internal passports, and possibly thousands of Chinese of Jewish descent."

To the untrained Western eye, Chinese Jews are physically indistinguishable from the Chinese man and woman on the street. But an astute Chinese person is capable of telling the difference by observing a semitic nose here and curly hair there.

Speaking of the present colony of Chinese Jews, who are concentrated in Kaifeng, Laytner laments: "They're totally ignorant of Judaism. They know they're Jews but they don't know anything about their Judaism." Curiously enough, they practice customs that are really a corrupted throwback to the dim past. "They fast on certain days in the autumn and they refrain from smoking on the Sabbath."

In modern China, he adds, ignorance of Jews and Judaism is the norm. Nevertheless, a handful of Chinese scholars has studied and continues to study the arcane Jewish presence in their country. "Considering the smallness of the subject, there's considerable interest in Chinese Jews in particular and in Jews in general."

The Sino-Judaic Institute, Laytner says, has an important role to play in broadening interest in these topics.

Its goals are:

- To promote friendship and understanding between the Chinese and Jewish peoples, and to encourage and develop China's cooperation in matters of mutual historical and cultural interest.
- To support the establishment and maintenance of a Judaica section in Kaifeng's projected museum.
- To promote and assist study and research in the history of early Jewish travel to China and in the dissolution of Jewish communities there.
- To publish general information and scholarly materials dealing with all that.
- To assist the descendants of Jews in Kaifeng in their efforts to preserve and maintain the artifacts and documents they inherited and to reconstruct the history of their community.
- To serve as a briefing and information centre.
- To cooperate with other groups with an interest in Chinese Jewish affairs.

In furthering its aims, the institute has sponsored trips to China and exchanged monographs with Chinese and non-Chinese scholars. "Lately, we broadened our interest to include foreign Jews who lived in China, in places like Shanghai and Harbin, in the past hundred or so years," he explains.

In reply to a question, Laytner says that China's official hostility to Israel has not been an impediment to cooperation.

Laytner reports that officials in Kaifeng would be pleased if the Royal Ontario Museum and Beth Tzedec Synagogue of Toronto returned Chinese Jewish artifacts they purchased or received long ago. But since this is not likely to happen, the institute hopes to donate replicas to Kaifeng's museum.

In an ambitious undertaking, the institute plans to begin publication of a new scholarly journal, Sino Judaica, to be edited by a Stanford University professor of Chinese studies, Albert Dean.

In July, it will co-publish with Hebrew Union College an updated edition of the classic but out-of-print *Lowenthal Bibliographies* .

As part of its continuing effort to publicize the saga of Chinese Jewry, the institute is selling, for $50 U.S., a slide show, with taped commentary, on the historical background of the community in Kaifeng from the 12th century to the present.

As for inculcating interest in Judaism among Chinese Jews, Laytner emphasizes that the institute is not interested in proselytizing. "We simply want more contact with them, to give them the oppportunity to become reacquainted with their cultural heritage."

Laytner, whose fulltime job is director of Seattle's Jewish Community Relations Council, was studying Chinese history and art at York University when he stumbled upon an old account of Chinese Jews by Bishop White, a Canadian missionary who had contact with them. Laytner had not been aware that China had once been home to a Jewish community, and after that discovery he read more on the subject.

In 1973, after graduating from York, he went to China to continue his studies. To his regret, he was unable to travel to Kaifeng, then closed to foreigners.

After 9 months in China, he entered Hebrew Union College, first studying at its campus in Jerusalem and then at its branch in Cincinnati.

In Cincinnati, he corresponded with one of the foremost scholars of Chinese Jewry, Michael Pollak, author of *Mandarins, Missionaries and Jews*. That intensified his interest in the field.

Now, as editor of Points East and secretary of The Sino-Judaic Institute, Laytner is doing his bit to shed light on what was once a very dark corner of Jewish history in the Diaspora.

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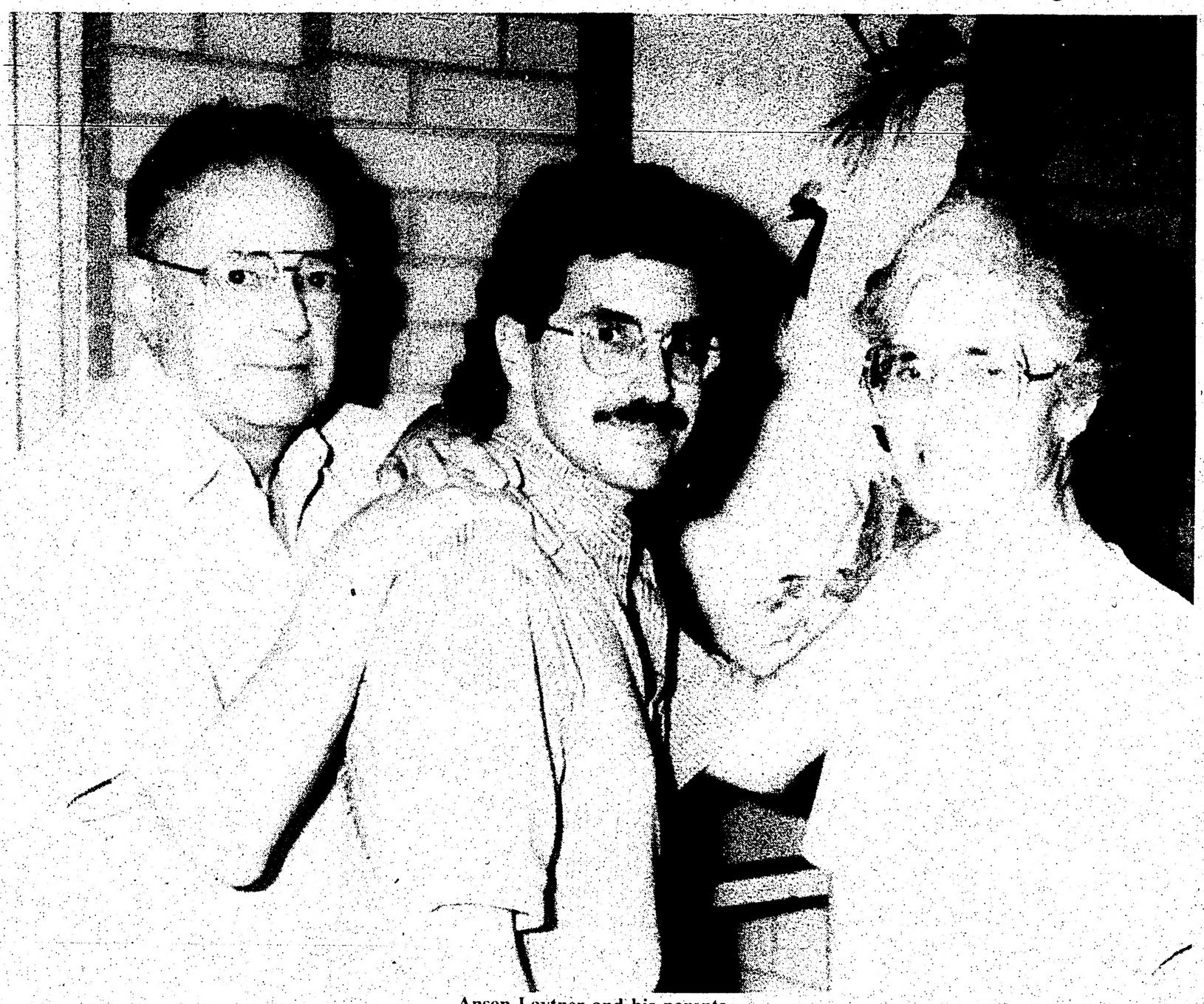
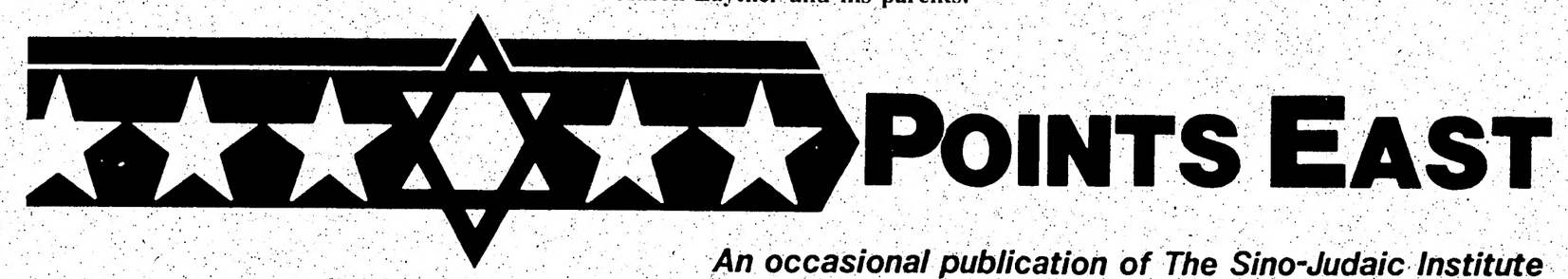


Anson Laytner and his parents.



RETURN TO KAIFENG

BY Joshua Stampfer

I came back to Kaifeng in August, 1987 with high hopes. I had visited four years earlier with Harry Dawson, a photographic friend, and Katherine Shen, an interpreter, just after open travel to Kaifeng was allowed. At that time I met with members of the Chao, Shu, and Ai families and realized how far removed they were from any identifiable form of Jewish life. They were curious about my interest in them and had difficulty grasping a relationship between themselves and the Jewish world. Even formulating questions about Jewish life was difficult for

was literally gathering dust on the top of a tall dresser, out of reach and out of sight. The meeting place that was supposed to be ready for visitors and natives alike was non-existent. The stelae in the museum were in the same state of shabbiness as when I first saw them. Our guide was enthusiastic about showing us every sight of interest in Kaifeng except Jewish ones.

I realized when we left how profound was the loss of Jewish identity in Kaifeng and what enormous efforts it will require to restore it, if indeed the task is achievable. The economic plight of the Jews there is very low, as is their educational level. Efforts should be made to enable a teacher to live in

them read aloud in Hebrew, however, is what will really move you.

Getting back to how we may be of other help to them, it would be great if *Points East* could direct any donations of Hebrew language books (advanced level) to this class, again c/o me at the Shaoyuan. They're in need of everything and anything in this regard. I brought over with me lots of books on Jewish history and philosophy, etc., and my room has become a lending library of sorts. They each come over individually, unbeknownst to the next one, mostly to borrow (get this) my Siddur and other prayer-related material. They're all very much aware that Jewish history and the Jewish religion

A recent edition of Points East.

Opinion

Leadership circles could use infusion of new talent

We need our Frums and Waxmans up front

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My highly esteemed readers: Did it occur to you that some of the most prominent intellectuals, authors, artists, actors, lawyers, medics, educators, musicians, media stars, etc. in this country are Jews?

And, did it occur to you that so pitifully few of that intellectual and artistic elite are to be found in the ranks of what is commonly known as the Canadian Jewish leadership?

J. B. Salsberg

It didn't? Too bad. You and all of us should be painfully aware of this serious deficiency. Canadian Jewish society is poorer because of their absence.

I miss them in all Jewish leadership circles in Toronto, the largest Jewish community in the country, that I circulate in, and that's quite an area!

Yes, Jews in the law and chartered--accountancy professions have a better than average record; but better than average is hardly enough.

In the recent past, Jewish labor leaders, when thousands of Canadian Jews belonged to the pace-setting "Jewish unions," were a prominent component of Canadian Jewish leadership. Now, only unstoppable Max Federman, of the fur worker, still voices his opinions. (By the way, it's time and it would be well-deserved for Congress to honor this Jewish labor veteran, who was prominent in Congress for almost 50 years!)

However, there are still prominent Jewish labor leaders, in the civil service and kindred unions, whose voices should be heard in our Congress bodies.

At this stage I should, perhaps, make it very clear that when I list prominent Jewish names and when I mention Jewish social and professional groups that are outside our leadership, I do not mean to underestimate the present leadership cadres of our community.

They are dedicated and hard-working men and women who deserve the highest accolades. But wouldn't their efforts be immeasurably advanced by the infusion of the talents and attractiveness of the self-isolated intellectual, artistic and culturally creative Jewish personalities?

Can you imagine what an inspiration it would be if Barbara Frum, unquestionably the most prominent and most respected Canadian media personality, were to appear at major, all-in Jewish mass rallies and celebrations?

Can anyone question the beneficial effect that the participation of friendly Al Waxman, an internationally admired movie star (but determined resident of Toronto) would have if he would chair, or address, mass rallies of our community?

Would we not all be encouraged if, say, the president of York University, with a good Jewish background, were to chair or address important Jewish assemblies?

Yes, and wouldn't we be very pleased to have the nationally respected musical composer, John Weinzweig, as spokesman at our major cultural events?

The above are only examples of a much larger honor list of our cultural eminences; names that just came to mind as I sit at my typewriter. That proud list can be multiplied many times over in Toronto, Montreal and other Jewish centres in the country.

If I were asked to describe the kind of involvement that I would hope to achieve from those I mentioned, I would say that they seek to emulate — even if only partially — the effective, direct and inspiring roles of professors Irwin Cotler of Montreal and Irving Abella of Toronto. Both have deservedly achieved positions of leadership in Jewish life in our country. (There surely are similar personalities in other Canadian Jewish communities.)

Would these people (and others of their category) *want* to be associated and, even more importantly, would they *desire* to be involved in Jewish affairs? I don't know, I've never asked them. Nor, I imagine, did anyone else.

But I can't see why they shouldn't. Most of those whom I do know are, in my view, very much a part of us; eigene menshen. . . .

(More next week.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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COMBAT ISRAEL'S "ENEMY WITHIN"

I recently returned from a 6-week stay in Israel and was disheartened to read a Montreal Gazette article headed "Uprising in occupied lands squeezes Israeli economy."

Hardest hit, according to Jonathan Broder's report from Tel Aviv, are Israeli industries dependent on Palestinian labor. Their absenteeism runs as high as 95%.

The drop in construction activity has cut deeply into sales of building materials. The textile and citrus industries have also been affected.

In other words, all Israelis of military age are conscripted to serve in the armed forces to protect their country from the "enemy without." What about the enemy which is disrupting the "economy within?"

With the summer recess, I suggest that Diaspora Jews of high school or college age should volunteer to serve in the Israeli labor force and thus combat the enemy within.

This could be arranged on a rotating basis. Funds could be made available through the generosity of fellow Jews helping volunteers unable to travel to Israel for financial reasons.

It would be a practical way to support Israel in its time of need.

Anne-Sandra Aber
Montreal

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CONTROVERSIAL PEACE NOW ADS

As president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends Of Peace Now, I would like to draw the attention of your readers to the series of advertisements that we have begun to run in The CJN.

Each ad features the public commentary of a prominent Jewish personality.

In citing these comments, we do not imply any personal association by the authors with Peace Now.

All citations have been selected because of their relevance to the current situation in the West Bank and Gaza.

Our purpose is to generate discussion and to show the widespread concern in Israel, Canada and other countries at the lack of a peace settlement, based on the security needs of Israel and the national aspirations of both Jews and Palestinians.

Dr. Mel Shipman
Toronto

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BUTTER "PITTER" OR "PUTTER?"

In your issue of June 16, Rabbi Moses Burak writes a very erudite column criticizing my good friend, J. B. Salsberg, for using the "Polish" Yiddish dialect and writing Peirik (Pie-rick).

I would like to correct the rabbi. The Yiddish word for butter is "putter" and not "pitter."

(See YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and Uriel Weinrauch Dictionary for Yiddish).

The vowel is a "vov" and not a "yud." Pitter is a mispronunciation made by Polish, Russian and Romanian Jews.

Dr. Bernard Shapiro
Toronto

Editor's note: Maybe by YIVO it's "putter," but by many other Jews like us it's "pitter," and has been "pitter" for a long time.

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"CRIMINAL FAVORED OVER VICTIM"

What a pity that the wonderful, charitable, terrific fund raiser, lawyer Eddie Greenspan, has only regard for human life for the criminal.

He is already upset in case we get a new law, whereby the victims can be also heard in the courtroom. He fears that the jurors will be influenced against the criminals.

Greenspan would be well advised to contemplate the case of the victims.

In Toronto recently, the beautiful, innocent Tema Conter would still be alive today if the criminal received his just desserts — capital punishment — for the murder and rape he committed.

Greenspan is not concerned with the victims. He shrugs them off: "They can't be resurrected."

But they should not be dead at all! This is the point. Nobody can imagine the terrible heartache of the relatives of a murdered person. Their lives will truly never be the same.

Katrina Rimler
Toronto

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HIS GROUP EDUCATIONAL ONLY

I would like to thank Phil Fine for his June 16 article on the Jordan is Palestine Committee, headed, "Committee calls for Jordan to become a Palestinian state."

However, I would like to clarify one point. The committee does not call on Jordan to become a Palestinian state, as the heading of the article states.

In fact, we do *not* advocate a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The committee is an educational one only, which attempts to inform people about the history of Palestine.

We point out it is King Hussein, a Hashemite, currently presiding over Palestinian territory, who is denying the Palestinians their home, and not Israel.

Unfortunately, this fact seems to be all but forgotten.

Ira Walfish
Chairman
Jordan Is Palestine Committee
Toronto

BLIND WOMAN'S ISRAEL POEM

When Israel received its mandate in 1948 to at last become the Jewish homeland, an appeal went out for trees to fill the wide expanse of desert.

It was met by Jews as well as people like me. I'm non-Jewish, proudly British, and blind, now over the age of 70 and living in the Toronto Clarkewood Residence of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

A love of homeland and pride in the Union Jack touched a chord of sympathy for the new nation. So I gladly sent money for a tree and these words to accompany it:

I think that God first made a tree,
That down the years a gift could be,
To this dear land at last we own,
A dream come true, no more to roam.
Oh, wondrous tree, a gift divine,
That comes right from this heart of mine.

I pray that God will Israel bless,
With fertile fields and happiness,
That we may live in peace with all,
And welcome give to those who call.
Our flag we fly, the world we face,
Proud that we are "God's chosen race."

Alice A. Irwin
Toronto

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Actress Polly Bergen calls herself "the only Jewish Southern Baptist in the U.S."

POLLY BERGEN, JEWISH BAPTIST

To settle a bet, is it true that Hollywood actress Polly Bergen is Jewish?

Polly Berg
Toronto

Editor's note: Yes, she is. "I'm probably the only Jewish Southern Baptist in the U.S.," says the actress-business executive, who was born July 4, 1930, in Knoxville, Tenn., as Nellie Pauline Burgin, granddaughter of a Baptist minister.

She converted to Judaism after she married Jewish agent Freddie Fields (whom she divorced, and she is now married to Jeff Endervelt). She says it was strictly her decision to become a Jewish convert, because "the more I was exposed to Freddie's faith, the more I was convinced that it was a religion that made sense to me."

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CLARK BEDEVILED BY HOBGOBLIN

Your recent lead editorial headed "Consistency needed at external affairs" professes to be puzzled by the inconsistency of External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

It begins with a quote from an unnamed U.S. writer, "Consistency is the hobgoblin of foolish minds."

The writer in question is Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the correct quote goes: "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, much adored by little statesmen."

Emerson was not objecting to consistency per se, as your misquote implies, but to *foolish* consistency (i.e. consistency for its own sake, even when it is inappropriate).

You argue in the editorial that Joe Clark and the foreign policy he represents ought to be more consistent — to refrain from condemning Israel, as it has refrained from condemning India.

Perhaps, but the justification for action (or inaction) in the world of international politics as elsewhere should not be consistency per se, but the wisdom of the particular contemplated action at a particular time and in a particular context.

If Joe Clark condemns Israel and not India for similar policies, it's not the inconsistency that should concern us, but the suitability of condemnation in each particular case.

After all, if we demanded perfect consistency from our government, what hope would we have of ever seeing it improve?

For example, isn't it inconsistent for our federal government to try to bring war criminals to justice now, after so many years of ignoring them? Many other examples could be cited.

C. P. Herman
Toronto

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SAFDIE ALREADY SALUTED

In response to Charles Lazarus' recent article in your Montreal edition, I wish to bring to his attention that Moshe Safdie, noted Israeli-born architect, has already been honored by Canadian Jewry.

The Montreal chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University presented Safdie with the prestigious Scopus Award for humanitarianism.

The award was given to him at a dinner in his honor on May 10, 1987. Five hundred well-wishers attended.

Bernard Shuster
Montreal

World-National

More than 500 participants attend assembly

Jewish Agency absorption centre closings OK'd

By CHARLES J. LEVINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A crisp business-like atmosphere pervaded the opening days of the Jewish Agency assembly, which was in progress here as the CJN went to press before Canada Day. More than 500 participants from around the world gathered as much to deepen their own knowledge of the issues at hand as to set policy.

Two absorption-related issues were dealt with early on in the deliberations: the Jewish Agency's stated intention of relinquishing day-to-day operation of immigrant absorption centres to government authority and the government's declared innovation of bringing Soviet Jewish emigrants directly from Moscow to Tel Aviv, eliminating the phenomenon of Jews who "drop out" and relocate in countries other than Israel.

Agency officials Simcha Dinitz, Mendel Kaplan and Uri Gordon conferred with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur on the first issue and cemented an Oct. 1 target date for the transfer of absorption centres to state control.

The plan calls for closing all but 10 of the country's centres, with only three of these remaining in the heavily populated centre of the nation. Two out of three centres in Jerusalem, for example, are slated to close. The government has promised to provide suitable rental housing, in line with the agency's preference for "direct settlement" of newcomers into Israeli society.

Until now, most immigrants have taken the agency's offer of free or low-rental housing in absorption centres, for a period of time ranging from a few months to a number of years.

The change represents another milestone in the agency's quest to divest itself of routine administrative responsibilities so that it can concentrate on providing more creative, integrated human services.

Those immigrants who arrive in the coming years will generally have two options: direct residence in regular Israeli urban neighborhoods or a temporary stint in one of the remaining absorption centres in a typically outlying region.

On the other major issue, Dinitz and Kaplan presented delegates with a united front in endorsing the government's recently declared policy of bringing Soviet Jews with Israeli visas directly to Israel. Dinitz represents the Israeli and Zionist establishments, while Kaplan's roots lie more within the Diaspora philanthropic community.

They were joined in their endorsement of the plan by most Zionist organizational representatives taking part in the assembly, along with other fund-raising leaders, such as former agency Board of Governors Chairman Max Fisher of Detroit.

But leaders of the United Jewish Appeal took strident exception to the policy, balking over what they view as a stifling of the Soviet Jews' "freedom of choice" to live wherever they wish.

(Dinitz is scheduled to meet with President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania early this week to discuss Israel's decision to require Soviet Jews holding Israeli visas to fly here directly via Bucharest.

(Dinitz also will visit Budapest to meet leaders of the Hungarian Jewish community.

(A report that Dinitz was already in Romania, given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Jewish Agency sources, was erroneous.

(So, too, apparently is the hotly denied rumor that the United Jewish Appeal would pay the Romanian government $80,000 for each Soviet Jew flown via Bucharest.)

President Chaim Herzog's opening address to the assembly was well received. He took even-handed pot shots at Jewish Diaspora critics of Israeli policies during these turbulent times, saying their positions are "neither justified nor helpful.

"Leading to diminished support for Israel, they are tragically harmful," he said. "One is sadly tempted to see self-aggrandizement as a motive . . . not expressions of moral anguish at all, but rather the unwitting results of clever manipulation by our enemies."

Herzog went on to challenge the news media's coverage of some of the Arab violence, calling the uprising "the latest act in a worldwide play choreographed by the PLO, set in stage for the 20th century media, with a cast of stone-throwing children and a ready and willing audience sitting in front of a television screen in almost every household of the Western world."

He characterized the news media as this generation's battleground, with world public opinion Israel's outer-perimeter skirmishes.

A number of other issues continued to percolate throughout the assembly sessions, discussed sometimes more often in hallways and newspaper headlines than inside the formal meeting rooms.

The publicity spotlight continued to focus on longstanding UJA and Jewish National Fund positions that they are barred, either by law or state department pressures, from providing charitable funds to Jewish settlements and causes in the West Bank and Gaza strip.

Lighting up a troubled backdrop to the assembly proceedings have been news reports of at least one notable forest fire each day. Apparently set by Arab arsonists, the fires have destroyed tens of thousands of trees. The fires have prompted official calls to redouble Diaspora fund raising for forestry projects.

Direct flights of Soviet Jews approved

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Jewish Agency assembly has adopted a resolution endorsing the cabinet's decision to fly Soviet Jews directly to Israel instead of through Vienna. (See also Romania Chief Rabbi's opinion on page 5). But the resolution also gives implicit approval to alternative destinations for emigrating Soviet Jews.

President Chaim Herzog expressed approval for the cabinet decision on direct flights.

A formula that both satisfied Israel's desire to win moral support for the decision and addressed Diaspora concerns about freedom of choice was worked out by Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz and the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal.

Dinitz said the UJA wanted to note explicitly that other exit routes are available for Soviet Jews, allowing freedom of choice. But the Agency, "which is the Jewish Agency for Israel, could not openly endorse other destinations for Soviet Jews," he said.

The resolution notes that the Soviets support "family reunification," which applies to Jews who want to immigrate to Israel or other destinations. It also calls on other governments to press the Soviets to honor their international commitments regarding "the right to leave."

Morris Abram, the president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, told the assembly that last year 6,000 people, including 300 Jews, left the Soviet Union on American visas. "Freedom of choice should be exercised in the Soviet Union. If Jews want to go to America, let them apply for an American visa. But if they apply for an Israeli visa, let them not abuse it," he said.

Abram added that by the end of this year, some 100,000 Soviet Jews will receive invitations from relatives in Israel, up from 20,000 last year.

HIAS opposes "refugee" status

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) has informed the U.S. state department that it opposes granting refugee status to Soviet Jews who are brought to Israel by way of Romania, the director of the organization, Karl Zukerman, said last week.

He was responding to reports in Washington that the state department had decided to permit these Soviet Jews to enter the U.S. from Israel as refugees. Under current practice, Soviet Jews who come here are treated like other Israeli citizens, and are allowed to enter the U.S. only under regular immigration quotas.

The state department criticized Israel's recent decision to end the "dropout" problem by flying Jews who leave the Soviet Union on Israeli visas through Bucharest. For years, HIAS has helped arrange entry to the U.S. for Jews who left the Soviet Union on an Israeli visa but who dropped out in Vienna.

Zukerman said HIAS officials in the U.S. found that a change in state department policy on refugee status for Soviet Jews was being considered. He said HIAS urged the state department to focus on opening a "2-track" system for Soviet Jewish emigration, whereby Jews who want to go to the U.S. can do so on an American visa, while those who want to go to Israel can do so on an Israeli visa.

Herut gives Netanyahu top spot on election list

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Herut Central Committee last week propelled two young party activists to the forefront of the party in the first round of balloting for the party's election slate of Knesset members.

Benjamin Netanyahu, a career diplomat and former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, took the number one spot with 1,408 votes from the 2,000-plus member Central Committee. Benjamin Zeev Begin, son of former Premier Menachem Begin, won third place with 1,233 votes.

Begin was edged out for second place by Moshe Katsav, the minister of labor and social affairs, who received 1,324 votes.

Netanyahu resigned in April as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations and announced he would seek election to the Knesset. Begin, a scientist by profession, has never held political office.

The three front-runners were followed by Moshe Arens, David Levy and Ariel Sharon, in that order, all of them possible successors to Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

The Central Committee will meet again this week for the second and decisive round of balloting. At stake will be the ranking of the party's 35 Knesset candidates on the list to be presented to the voters in November.

The candidates will be selected in three groups of seven. Those who fail to be included in any of the groups will be ranked from numbers 23 to 35, on the basis of their performance in the first round of balloting.

Only one spot on the Herut list is reserved in advance, that of the party leader who is the prime ministerial candidate. Premier Yitzhak Shamir seems secure in that position.

Herut is the larger component of Likud. An agreed-upon number of spots on the Likud list will be reserved for its Liberal Party wing, once the Herut list is finalized.

The Liberals expect at least 12 seats and threaten to break up the Likud bloc if they get any fewer. Many Herut people think this is unrealistic, considering their relatively small constituency.

Neutral observers believe that if the Liberals ran as a separate party they would win at most five or six Knesset seats. Their strength lies in the funds they can make available for the election campaign.

Political observers generally regard the outcome of the first round as a success for the Shamir-Arens camp in Herut. Arens, a minister without portfolio and a former defence minister, has long been a Shamir loyalist.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What Hebrew expression is used by observant Jews when making some promise for action in the future?
2. Who was considered to be the most famous Anglo-Jew of the 19th century.
3. What Hebrew term is used to describe the understanding and cordial relationship between husband and wife?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Im Yirzeh Ha-Shem ("God willing").
2. Sir Moses Montefiore (1784-1885).
3. Sh'lom Bayit ("peace in the home").

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products.

CANADIAN FELLOWS

Rabbi Morton Leifman, (left), dean of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, and vice-chancellor David Kogan (right) are seen with Canadians recently inducted into the ranks of the Fellows of the Institute (from left) Cantor Mendel Fogel of Congregation Shaare Tzedek in Montreal, Cantor David Bagley of Congregation Beth Sholom in Toronto and Cantor David Jehuda Bercovici of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton.

Pope criticized for attempting to "dejudaize" Holocaust

Wiesel assails Pontiff for "offensive behavior"

VIENNA (JTA) —

Pope John Paul II concluded his 5-day visit to Austria last week, leaving behind a turbulent relationship with Jews in that country and around the world.

The swelling Jewish anger and hurt, however, go far beyond resentment over the papal meetings with President Kurt Waldheim, whose Nazi past the Pontiff seems disinclined to acknowledge.

It is rooted in John Paul's apparent insensitivity to the uniqueness of Jewish suffering in the Holocaust, his reluctance to mention it specifically even when referring to the horrors of the Nazi era and his reference to Austrians as Nazi victims rather than as the enthusiastic collaborators they historically were.

Even when the Pope was made aware of Jewish reactions and sought to redeem himself, his words had a negative impact (CJN June 30).

Jewish feelings toward Pope John Paul may have been summed up by Elie Wiesel, author, human rights activist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

Writing in the New York Post, Wiesel accused the Pope of wanting to "dejudaize the Holocaust" with his "strange and offensive behavior whenever he is confronted by the cruelest event in recorded history."

The Pontiff's failure to mention that Jews had died at Mauthausen, after he had repeatedly failed to mention Jewish victims during two visits to Auschwitz and a visit to Majdanek, left Wiesel with one conclusion.

"It is now clear: this Pope has a problem with Jews, just as Jews have a problem with him. His understanding for living Jews is as limited as his compassion for dead Jews," wrote Wiesel, an Auschwitz survivor.

Wiesel wrote that at his first visit to Auschwitz, the Pope celebrated a general mass to those who died there.

"Would not common decency and respect for the dead have dictated that he invite a rabbi and nine other Jews to recite Kaddish for the Jewish victims, even as he said Christian prayers for the others? Did he (subconsciously) wish to convert the Jewish dead posthumously?"

Wiesel accused John Paul of wanting people to believe Christians suffered as much as Jews in Hitler's concentration camps.

"Was this yet another attempt to whitewash the church of its heavy responsibility for the European anti-semitism that led to mass murder?" Wiesel wrote.

The Pope met with six Austrian Jewish community leaders, including Paul Grosz, president of the Federal Association of Jewish Communities, and Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg, Chief Rabbi of Vienna.

Although both sides described the atmosphere as cordial and friendly, they expressed divergent views.

The Pope, referring to the Nazi campaign of extermination against the Jews, told the group that "it would be unjust and untruthful to put the blame on Chistianity for these unspeakable crimes.

"Although the extermination was directed more openly against the Jews, it was also against the faith of those who honor the Jewish Jesus of Nazareth as the savior of the world," he said.

The Jewish leaders expressed disappointment with the encounter. "I could have been more satisfied if he addressed the question of conscientious and conscious examination of the past," especially with respect to Austria, Grosz told a news conference later.

"I don't expect the Pope to say the church is guilty for the Holocaust, but maybe that it did not do enough," said Eisenberg.

Canadian Jews voice objections in meeting with papal nuncio

OTTAWA —

A delegation of Canadian Jewish leaders recently met with papal nuncio Angelo Palmas to discuss recent frictions in Vatican-Jewish relations.

The delegation — led by Dr. Brian Feldman, B'nai B'rith Canada's newly elected president — included Frank Dimant, executive vice-president; Ralph Snow, chairman of the Institute for International Affairs; and Rebecca Zuckerbrodt, government relations director.

"In view of Pope John Paul II's 5-day visit to Austria, it is imperative that Jewish communities throughout the world voice their concern to the representatives of the Vatican," Feldman said.

"We should not allow the recent deterioration of Catholic-Jewish relations to continue. If we are to have an honest and fair dialogue, we must be prepared to voice our strongest objections to the recent meeting of His Holiness and Kurt Waldheim."

Feldman was reacting to the Pontiff's second meeting with the Austrian president, who's accused of having knowledge of the death of Greek Jews and Yugoslavian partisans during the German occupation of the Balkans.

"The Jewish community will not passively accept the Vatican's overtures to alleged Nazi war criminal Kurt Waldheim nor His Holiness welcoming PLO chairman Yasser Arafat into the bosom of the Holy See," Dimant said.

Snow, a Holocaust survivor, indicated his dismay over the Pope's insensitivity to the Jewish people's genocide. The Pope showed a lack of sensitivity during a recent visit to the site of the Mauthausen concentration camp.

"It is disturbing that the Pope failed to single out the Jewish community as the group that suffered so severely during the second world war," Snow said.

"The Nazis' Final Solution cannot be compared to the suffering of others during the Hitler era."

PLO mission still open

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A federal judge said here last week that the United States cannot close the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer mission to the United Nations.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Edmund Palmieri was a setback to the efforts by the justice department to shut down the PLO mission.

U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese ordered the office closed by March 21 under the 1987 Anti-Terrorism Act, which was adopted by Congress late last year and signed by President Reagan on Dec. 22.

The PLO ignored the order and the justice department promptly sued in U.S. District Court to have the order enforced.

Steven Obus, chief of the civil division of the U.S. district attorney's office for the Southern District of New York, had no comment on the ruling.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, that District Attorney Rudolph Giuliani was studying it and would consult with the justice department before deciding whether to appeal.

The justice department has 60 days to appeal. The process would take the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals and eventually to the Supreme Court.

Judge Palmieri found that the 1947 Headquarters Agreement establishing U.N. headquarters in New York "leaves no doubt" that the United States is obligated "to refrain from impairing the function" of the PLO mission.

The judge also said that the legislative history of the Anti-Terrorism Act does "not manifest Congress' intent to abrogate this obligation."

He concluded that the Anti-Terrorism Act does not supersede the Headquarters Agreement, although restrictions on the PLO activity within the United States are appropriate, aside from application to the U.N. mission.

Under the Anti-Terrorism Act, the United States also closed down the PLO's information office in Washington last year.

The court ruling is the second legal setback in the case for the United States. On April 27, the International Court of Justice in The Hague issued a unanimous ruling that the United States must submit to arbitration over its order to shut down the PLO mission. The Reagan administration did not comply.

Centre returned

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A former Jewish community centre in Moscow will be returned to its owner, Moscow's famous Choral Synagogue, 47 years after it was requisitioned by the Soviet authorities to serve as a hospital for war casualties.

An agreement was reached last week between Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, and Mayor Valery Saikin of Moscow for the transfer, which has been approved by the Moscow city council.

Schneier said his congregation will help pay for restoring the 100-year-old building, which stands next to the Choral Synagogue, the largest in the Soviet Union, on Arkhipova St.

It will send architects and construction specialists to Moscow for that purpose.

Schneier, who is rabbi of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan, said he began to campaign for the return of the building 18 months ago, in talks with Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs of the Soviet Council of Ministers.

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U.S.-Israel military ties to stay strong: Carlucci

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designed to shoot down incoming ballistic missiles — will cost between $120 and $130 million. The U.S. will fund 80% of the project, Israel the balance.

The White House statement called attention to this agreement, noting that Reagan was "pleased that shortly" the MOU will be signed. "Given military trends in the Middle East," it said, "the joint U.S.-Israeli effort to develop ATBMs — an outgrowth of research on SDI (Strategic Defence Initiative) — takes on new and increased importance."

Rabin told reporters that the U.S. and Israel were about to reach a pricing agreement on a new batch of advanced F-16 jet fighters to be sold to Israel which would save Israel between $60 and $90 million.

The F-16s will replace the now defunct Lavi.

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci assured Rabin that the U.S.-Israeli military relationship will remain strong.

Meeting for over two hours with their senior aides at the Pentagon, the two men also expressed alarm over the proliferation of ballistic missiles and chemical weapons in the Middle East.

Carlucci, addressing the National Press Club later in the day, described the U.S.-Israeli military relationship, including U.S. assistance to Israel, as "very substantial."

"We have a strategic relationship that is very fruitful," he said, adding that the two countries also "engage in a dialogue on regional issues."

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Rabin said that he stressed to President Reagan that Israel will not change its policy in putting down the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank as long as it felt its security was being threatened.

"I explained the Israeli policy," Rabin said after a 15-minute White House meeting with Reagan. He would not reveal what Reagan said in reply.

"I'm not saying that everyone here is in agreement with our policy," Rabin added. "But we are a free, independent state. When it comes to Israel's security and Israel's defence we feel that we are free to act" as Israel sees fit "to prevent any damage to our future and our security."

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In Jerusalem, U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, Michael Armacost, said Washington is very concerned about the massive infusion of surface-to-surface missiles into the Middle East and will intercede with China and the Soviet Union to try to stop the trend.

Sales of Chinese medium-range missiles to Saudi Arabia and Syria figured prominently in Armacost's talks with Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres, held in the context of bilateral strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel.

Old City riot rages over archeology dig

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

An archeological dig on the Via Dolorosa sparked rioting in Jerusalem's Old City on Sunday. Fifteen East Jerusalem residents and one policeman were slightly injured in the rioting, which raged for about two hours.

Outside the Old City walls, Palestinians blocked roads or hurled stones at cars, buses, and policemen in 11 different incidents. Police arrested seven Palestinians.

A spokesman from the religious affairs ministry, Uri Minzer, said the digging was designed to uncover steps which lead down to a 2,000-year-old water tunnel, which runs from the Western Wall under the Moslem Quarter. The ministry plans to uncover the tunnel and eventually make it possible for people to walk from one end to the other.

But officials of the Moslem Wakf, which overseas Moslem holy sites, charged there was an insidious purpose to Sunday's digging: to gain underground access into one of the gates of the Moslem-administered Temple Mount and to undermine the stability of historic Moslem buildings above the tunnel.

Representatives of the city, the education ministry, the religious affairs ministry, and the police negotiated a compromise with the Wakf, agreeing to fill in the hole that the religious affairs ministry workers had dug. They also agreed that no digging will be done at the site until after the Moslem Feast of the Sacrifice (Id el-Adhah) on July 24. A date for resuming the excavation was not determined.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said he supported the plan for making the tunnel accessible to the public. But Kollek said the religious affairs ministry erred by not notifying city hall or the Wakf about its intention to begin digging Sunday.

The tunnel extends 490 metres along the entire length of the Western Wall. It ends near the area where the workers had begun to dig, in an 80-metre Hasmonean water conduit that had been cut off by Herod's work on the Temple Mount. The conduit leads to a cistern, half of which is seen from the tunnel and half of which is under a convent. About a century ago, the nuns built a wall blocking their side of the cistern, to prevent access to the convent.

The passageways beneath the Western Wall have been a source of controversy before. In 1981 a group of yeshiva students clashed with Moslem worshippers in a subterranean passage beneath the Temple Mount.

PLO document "impresses" Americans

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States ought now to make a gesture toward the PLO."

This seemed very close to an outright endorsement of the document by Arafat.

When the document was first published, the U.S. state department termed it "constructive," but questioned whether it was in fact "authoritative," hinting thereby that Arafat must clearly endorse it if it is to have real weight in American eyes.

Privately, American officials are understood to have been impressed by the document. It has been learned that they used the opportunity to stress once again to Israel their conviction that if Secretary of State George Shultz's peace plan remains stymied, the PLO will inevitably fill the diplomatic void.

Arafat's radical rivals, meanwhile, have roundly condemned the Abu Sharif paper. On the most extremist edge of the Palestinian movement, the Abu Nidal group has threatened implicitly to assassinate the author for what is seen as a grave violation of pristine PLO dogma.

The Abu Sharif document was first circulated, unsigned, during the recent Arab summit in Algiers. Later it was communicated to the U.S. government and to various news media as authored by Abu Sharif, who is a close aide and spokesman for Arafat.

The document spurns a Jordanian role in the peace process. But it holds out the prospect of direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO, and the eventual creation of an independent Palestinian state, living at peace alongside Israel. It challenges Israel to agree to a free referendum among the Palestinians to ascertain whether indeed they see the PLO as their representative.

Israeli official reactions to date have been largely dismissive. Premier Yitzhak Shamir said it "contains nothing new." An aide to the Premier described it as "cleverly written with an American audience in mind."

In Shimon Peres' foreign ministry, the response has been to embrace with even more conviction the content and the urgency of the Shultz plan.

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Arafat thinks Ronald Reagan is the worst American President yet, as far as the Palestinian cause is concerned.

He is critical of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, the probable Democratic presidential nominee, but will not say if he prefers Vice-President George Bush, the likely Republican candidate.

Rabin rejects criticism over uprising

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When Rabin was asked if Israel could be compared to South Africa, he said this was an "insult" to Israel. He said that even if the most extreme Israeli position was taken and the territories were annexed, there would still be a majority of Jews in Israel and the Arabs would have citizenship, the right to own land and to vote and be elected to office.

Noting that Arab papers publish every day in East Jerusalem, Rabin said that "I'm not aware that there is any Arab country that would allow its own newspapers to criticize their own government in the way that Palestinian papers are doing."

He also rejected the claim that Israel has put limitations on the press coverage in the territories. "Can you give me one example in recent history of such elaborated, prolonged coverage of the events in the territories?" he asked. He said this was not the case in the war in the Falkland Islands or the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Demjanjuk appeals his guilty verdict

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Defence attorneys Yoram Sheftel and Paul Chumak have appealed to the High Court of Justice against both the verdict and the sentence against Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk. The appeal is to be heard in December by a 5-justice panel.

Demjanjuk was sentenced to death by the Jerusalem District Court in April after being found guilty of war crimes and of crimes against the Jewish people and humanity.

In the appeal, Sheftel lashed out against "press incitement amounting to the creation of a lynch atmosphere" against his client. This, the appeal stated, was compounded by the hostile utterances of several members of the Knesset and ministers, mainly Justice Minister Sharir.

Sharir, the appeal noted, said, the day the trial opened: "Today we start the trial of Nazi war criminal Demjanjuk." Sharir had also expressed the hope that the death sentence would be passed.

Demjanjuk's attorneys argued that the entire trial was improperly conducted because the judges subscribed to a press-clipping service and read the clippings every day before the start of the trial. That influenced their conduct, the appeal claimed. The bench's failure to discipline the media made it impossible to assure Demjanjuk of a fair hearing, it was claimed.

The bench also went astray, the appeal said, in interfering in the cross-questioning of witnesses. The judges had a hostile attitude to the defence team and took severe and unusual sanctions against it, the appeal claimed.

The bench, it is claimed, should have halted the trial when it became known that Polish and U.S. authorities were refusing to supply the defence with essential documents.

Israelis sentenced for PLO talks

RAMLE (JPFS) —

The Ramle Magistrates Court last week sentenced four left-wing Israelis who met PLO members in Romania to six months in prison and one year suspended. They were also fined 3,000 shekels each.

Latif Dori, Yael Lotan, Eliezer Feiler, and Reuven Kaminer will be permitted to serve their sentences by performing community service.

They were convicted last month of violating an amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Law, which outlaws contact with representatives of terrorist organizations. Judge Avraham Beizer ruled that the November, 1986 mission to Romania constituted an attempt to "test the law."

While accepting the defence's argument that the trip to Romania was essentially a "peace mission," the court saw this as irrelevant. "The way to fight a law which is contested by a minority is not to violate it," said Beizer, adding that the mission had "harmed the rule of law in Israel."

The four Israelis plan to appeal.

Although the sentence fell far short of the three years' imprisonment allowed by law, the four expressed shock at what they called its "severity."

"We were all stunned by the sentence," said Lotan, an Al Hamishmar journalist. "It doesn't seem to tally with the verdict, which, while convicting us, also stated that we did no harm to the security of the state. We expected a much, much more lenient sentence."

Diaspora Jews rapped over stay-away stance

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girl throwing a rock at a bus."

But he is speaking for all Israelis when he declares that the current absence of tourists is "very bad for Israel's morale. What Israel needs most now is the moral support of the Jewish community overseas!"

Zanger sees the failure of Diaspora Jews to rally to the support of Israel as "a failure of the Zionist movement. Israel was supposed to create a new kind of Jew, both in Israel and abroad but . . ." He shrugs. "We've been through worse and it's clear in my mind that we'll be okay through this, too."

He warns that Jews overseas shouldn't think that they are not affected by what is happening in Israel. "We are all in the same boat and we are all the same people, and whatever happens here reflects on the Jews in the Diaspora everywhere.

"We're under a great deal of pressure and nowhere is it written that life has to be easy. But the support of the Jewish community overseas is vital. Especially, since our perception is that the world is essentially hostile."

And, "the single most important thing Jews overseas can do for Israel," Zanger insists, "is to come to Israel. Jews and Christians alike.

"So come to Israel," he urges. "It's an incredible high!"

Defence pact signed

As Rabin was speaking at the press club, David Ivri, director-general of the Israel defence ministry, and Gen. James Abrahamson, head of the Strategic Defence Initiative, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Pentagon for Israel's participation in the Star Wars project.

Rabin explained that the MOU allows Israel to develop the technological capabilities for the Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile which Israel wants in order to protect its cities against Soviet SS-21 missiles in Syria. He said the agreement allows Israel to also prove that the Arrow will work but does not contain any provision for developing it as a weapon system at this time.

The White House said the U.S. contribution will be about 80% of the $160 million cost of the project.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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GOLUB — LACHOWITZ — OKUN — SARNA

There are many names which may stem from alternative sources.

GOLUB (Polish for dove) may be a translation of the Hebrew name JONAH or it may derive from a shtetl of the name northwest of Warsaw, Poland.

LACHOWITZ may derive from YITZCHAK (whose mother so named him because she thought that because of her pregnancy at an advanced age people would laugh). It may, however, stem from the Russian village of LACHOWICZE, southwest of Minsk.

Similarly, OKUN may come from the Polish word for the perch, or from the village of OKUNIEW.

SARNA, which is Polish for deer, may be a translation of the Hebrew Tzvi or the Yiddish HIRSCH, or it may be so-called after the Ukrainian town of SARNY near KIEV.

Hosek: affordable housing crucial need

Jewish leaders urged to help change attitudes

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Ontario Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek has called on Jewish community leaders to help change public attitudes to those seeking affordable housing in affluent neighborhoods.

Hosek, addressing the monthly meeting of the Ontario regional executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the "greatest challenge" facing her is coping with "the not in my backyard syndrome."

Many people have "unreasonable fears" of what new buildings for non-profit housing and for those with special needs will do to their neighborhoods, she said.

But non-profit housing is already blending into many districts without the adverse repercussions many feared.

She said the Jewish people, who for centuries dreamt of a homeland for a homeless people, should also devote its energies to aiding the homeless in local communities.

Jewish leaders command a lot of moral suasion in the community and should use that to help change public attitudes, she said.

Following Hosek's address, Charles Zaionz, Congress' Ontario Region chairman, introduced Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and vice-consul Moshe Benzioni, whose terms of duty in Toronto are coming to an end.

In his "swan song" address, Abileah said Israel is again suffering the brunt of "severe propaganda attacks."

If the coming year features less "disturbing news...our Arab adversaries will have to come up with something new, and they will, but we will learn to live with it," he said.

He asked for Congress' help to "find ways to cope with this propaganda war. It can be done," he said, noting that Israel has refuted allegations that it was injecting Arabs with drugs.

The person trumpeted as being injected with drugs has been shown to be a drug addict who used the needle marks on his arms to convince the press he was subjected to Israeli injections, Abileah stated.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, chairman Charles Zaionz (centre), introduced Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and Ontario Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek at a recent Congress meeting. [Ron Csillag photo]

Abileah told The CJN he expected to remain in Toronto for perhaps three to four months prior to his new posting as minister in charge of information at the embassy in Washington.

"I don't have my marching orders yet," Abileah said. "I just have the plans."

Abileah took up his post as consul general 1½ years ago, while Benzioni has been in Toronto for approximately three years.

Benzioni told the meeting he would be returning for duty at the foreign ministry in Israel.

Earlier, Eric Grossman, a student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, described being part of Congress' 2nd Freedom Caravan for Soviet Jewry. The participating students gathered at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, heard Canadian MPs and senators speak about their involvement fighting on behalf of Refuseniks and met with officials at the Soviet embassy, he said.

Other items on the agenda included a report by Rose Wolfe, chairman of the joint community relations committee, who discussed Congress' view of the status of the anti-hate law. She also reported on the efforts of evangelical groups which proselytize in the Toronto Jewish community.

Boys Town simcha celebrates continuity

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Continuity, achievement, and support were celebrated in the simcha that was the recent Boys Town Jerusalem dinner here.

"I am deeply moved by the inexhaustible solicitude evinced by every one of you," school founder Alexander Linchner, 80, told some 350 supporters at the event held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. "Your contributions have done much to foster continuity."

The bearded dark-suited patriarch, who spoke with the Brooklyn accent of his youth, explained that by providing elaborate technological and electronics training to disadvantaged and refugee children, Boys Town was providing for their optimum integration into the Israel work force and society. In turn, they were contributing decisively to the continuity of Israel's technological vanguard position among the nations.

At the same time, the school's extensive Torah education program was providing for the students' religious continuity at a personal level and within klal (the people of) Israel itself. The program, Linchner emphasized, was: "Torah, unadulterated! Torah, unabridged! Torah, without concessions!'

Linchner said the recent graduating class was made up of 159 boys from 49 different countries.

A video presentation described the professional achievements of some of the school's more than 5,000 graduates in the past 40 years since it was founded.

One graduate, Chaim Rafael, who studied at Boys Town from 1972-1978, described his personal career in Israel as an electronics engineer devoting evening hours to the study of Torah. He was warmly applauded by the audience as he resumed his seat among them.

Consul-General Benjamin Abileah said that "Boys Town has produced the kemach (flour, livelihood) for a country that wants to live with Torah."

"Our support shows that we are at Israel's side with our hearts," said dinner chairman Rabbi David Monson.

A telegram from Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir lauded the school's success in integrating youngsters into society.

Jeff Lipson, Boys Town Toronto council chairman, made special presentations to pioneer supporters Eric Exton and recently retired former executive-director Jack Manishevitz. "For every dollar you received in salary, Jack, you gave back $100 in sweat and work," said Lipson.

A list of school supporters was honored.

Alexander Raab urged the audience and the community at large to stand up for their and Israel's rights boldly and in whatever forum necessary. "When a man just asks for compassion and sympathy," said Raab, a survivor and former partisan fighter, "he is despised."

Raab, said Monson in introducing him, "is the man whose full page newspaper ads gave us a rebirth of Jewish pride during the darkest days of turmoil and attack" at the height of the recent Palestinian Arab disturbances.

Moetzi (breaking of the bread) for the dinner was done by Allan Feld, who was described as representing the new young generation of Boys Town supporters.

U.S. entertainer Theodore Bikel concluded the affair with a varied program of songs and patter.

Shul to honor Mirvishes

A headline in last week's issue erroneously reported Israel Bonds will honor theatre impresario Ed Mirvish and his wife, Anne.

In fact, the Mirvishes will be honored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The Oct. 9 event — to celebrate Israel's 40th anniversary — will include a kosher dinner at one of Mirvish's restaurants as well as a performance by a leading U.S. entertainer at Mirvish's Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Proceeds will go to the purchase of Israel Bonds.

Historian Eisen dies

TORONTO —
The late radiologist and community historian Dr. David Eisen was described as a dedicated professional and family man, by grandson Steven Wolfson.

"Everyone who knew him was fond of him," Wolfson said at Eisen's funeral, held recently at Holy Blossom Temple.

Eisen, who died at 87, began his professional career at Mount Sinai Hospital as a radiologist in 1926, and later became chief of radiology.

A member of the American Board of Radiologists and a fellow of the Canadian College of Radiology, he worked at the Albany Medical Clinic on Danforth Ave. as a radiologist until he was 72.

Eisen's Diary of a Medical Student, based on the journals he wrote during his medical training at the Universities of Toronto and Pennsylvania, was published by Canadian Jewish Congress in 1974.

Eisen came to Toronto with his family in 1904.

One of the founders of the Jewish Historical Society, he created and kept the archives at Holy Blossom for 12 years, mostly during his retirement.

Eisen also wrote articles for the Jewish Standard and the Holy Blossom Temple Bulletin.

Eisen is survived by his wife Vera.

He leaves behind twin daughters Joy Wolfson and Barbara Organ, seven other grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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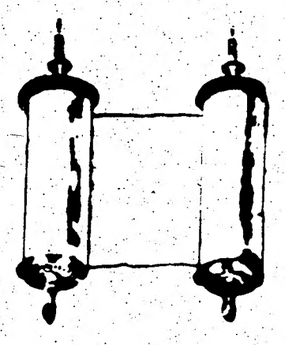

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Pinchas

A person who is satisfied is rich.

Happiness comes from inside — not outside.

In Kielce, Poland, a very wealthy man passed away who happened to be both boorish and a miser. The Kielce rabbi, Reb Moshe Nachum, was asked to deliver a eulogy. The rabbi, knowing the deceased's low character, refused, not wanting to recite false compliments.

Rabbi Gottesman

"But rabbi," insisted the mourners, "it is not right. He was an extremely wealthy man!"

Answered Reb Moshe Nachum, who came from a well-to-do family himself and was rich in his youth: "If I didn't deliver a eulogy for my wealth, why should I deliver a eulogy for someone else's wealth?" (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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Wealth is not enough. Brains are not enough. Even children are not enough. With everything must go God's *bracha*, blessing.

When there is a bracha, everything is good, and happy and full.

This week's parsha totals up the number of each of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Among the tribes, we find an interesting sidelight:

The tribe of Benjamin had 45,600.

The tribe of Dan had many more, 64,400.

What is strange? When we read about Benjamin, the son of Jacob, we discover that he had 10 sons. Dan had only one boy, Chushim!

From one son of Dan came thousands more than from the 10 sons of Benjamin!

Comments the saintly Chafetz Chaim: We see from this that it is not just numbers, but God's blessing that is critical. Where there is a bracha, from one child can come a world. And if the bracha, God forbid, is missing, then from 10 can come a weak blessing.

And he adds: The same is also true about everything a person has — there has to be a bracha. If a person is satisfied with what he (or she) has, then there is joy and blessing. If a person is not satisfied, then all the wealth is not enough.

How do you create a blessing? How do you bring a bracha? A lot has to do with a person's own head. If you are thankful for your lot, if you are wise enough to look around and see how many people don't have even half of what you possess, if you have patience to wait for your ship to come in and don't push things before your time — like old Korach in the Torah who was in such a rush to take over — then there is a bracha.

Baruch Hashem, Baruch Hashem for every day, for every minute, for every mitzvah, for every breath!

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A chassid once asked the Chidushay Hareem: "The verse says: 'When I see Your heavens, the works of Your hands; the moon and the stars that You established . . .' Why didn't King David mention the sun?"

Answered the Reem: "What do you think, that David sat at a desk one morning to make up the Psalms? He rose one night, saw the heavens, and was so taken that the words, that the feeling that he had for what he saw poured out of him!"

We must be King David Jews — fiery! Shabbat Shalom.

Members involved in real estate, construction

UJA creates new leaders division

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

A new United Jewish Appeal division has been set up to attract individuals between the ages of 25 and 35 who are in real estate and construction-related industries.

It will operate as a separate entity within the overall Construction and Development Division which is headed by Cary Solomon.

Under the title of New Leadership, the division has a core of 20 associate chairmen with Jeff Silverberg at the helm.

Like many of his colleagues who have signed on as associates, Silverberg reflects the concerns of the new generation of up and coming leadership to get themselves connected to their Jewish community through UJA.

Cary Solomon

These campaign newcomers are beginning to take over the mantle of responsibility from parents, in-laws or other older role models who have had and continue to maintain high profiles within the UJA leadership ranks.

Silverberg follows in the footsteps of his father-in-law Jack Rose, who is still actively involved in the community, has held leadership positions with UJA and United Israel Appeal, and is a Hineni associate chairman for the upcoming campaign. Mother-in-law Eleanor Rose is a past chairman of UJA Women's Division.

The same pattern of continuity holds true for several of the New Leadership associates chairmen. Mark Diamond is the son of Ephraim Diamond, 1989 Hineni associate chairman; Neil Goldenberg, Daniel Halbert and Warren Shear are the sons of past campaign chairmen Gerald Goldenberg, Ralph Halbert and Gerald Shear. Jordan Rose is the son of Jack and Eleanor Rose.

Jeff Silverberg

Silverberg, a builder and executive vice-president of Edgeport Home Corp., has not stinted on the time and effort expended on recruitment to New Leadership, on attendance at meetings, planning and working with his associates on programs for the months ahead.

Already set is a breakfast meeting on July 20 at Sparkles atop the CN Tower, where featured guest will be Richard Tucker, general manager of land development for City Place, a massive CN real estate project at Toronto's railway lands. Responsible for organizing the event is Jordan Rose.

Planned for mid-October is a 5-day mission to Israel for up to 45 participants.

Much credit for "amazing progress" made in the brief time since the division came into being is due in great measure to the "guidance and hands-on help we received from Cary Solomon and to my associates," said Silverberg.

"Cary came to a few meetings and really served as our consultant, steering us in the right direction. Equally helpful has been the invaluable input from campaign director Mark Gryfe."

In addition to all the associates mentioned, Jeff Silverberg singled out each member of his team as a motivating force behind all that is happening to get New Leadership "off and flying."

Included are Gerry Fialkov, Richard Flomen, Mark Freed, Jack Friedberg, Dov Goldstein, Elliot Kirshenblatt, Stephanie Olin, Sam Sapera, Dan Schaeffer, Jay Scolnick, Les Sherman, Gerald Weiss, Jay Wintraub, Gordon Wiseman and Larry Wolfman.

"Most of us are beginning to enjoy success in our business enterprises," Silverberg remarked. "Now the time has come for us to focus in on Israel and the community which has been so good to us and in which our parents and grandparents had so vital a role in shaping.

"We have to build on that legacy, for our children and for the continuity of services that make this such a livable, vibrant community, and of course, to strengthen our ties with Israel."

Amend Meech Lake CJC spokesmen urge

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Meech Lake Accord should be amended before passage to include a broadening of the concept of what constitutes the fundamental characteristics of Canada, says Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

While the Ontario Select Committee on Constitutional Reform has called for the provincial government to ratify the Meech Lake accord in its current form, it has also recommended that the legislature ask other provinces to consider such an amendment.

However, CJC has expressed disappointment at the committee's support of the accord, saying that this matter should not have been left to an "uncertain future.

prior to its passage by the Ontario legislature," said Charles Zaionz, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region.

In presenting its brief — one of 228 which the committee received — members of the constitutional sub-committee of CJC Joint Community Relations Committee stated that the Accord weakens the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, would create confrontation between Ottawa and the provinces in the choice of judges to the Supreme Court and would hurt immigration to Canada by creating 11 separate departments of immigration.

Congress representatives, in making their presentation, said the accord has made Quebec's anglophone community vulnerable due to Section 2 which says Quebec constitutes a "distinct society" within Canada and that, from now on, the Constitution will be interpreted by Parliament and the provincial legislatures to reflect that.

In the hearings, CJC recommended that Section 2 be amended to include the recognition of multiculturalism, aboriginal rights, equality of all Canadians and specifically between men and women and the commitment of Canadian society to fundamental rights and freedoms as fundamental characteristics of Canada.

While calling for ratification of an amended accord, committee members called for a "carefully planned continuing agenda of constitutional reform" with priority given to provisions relating to multiculturalism, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms — especially equality rights, aboriginal rights, minority language rights and the constitutional status of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The committee also called for "a much more open public process," to ensure that any future constitutional amendments are given full scrutiny before they are voted upon.

Protect minority rights

"In our view, the protection of minority rights and fundamental freedoms must not await a subsequent round, but should be incorporated in the accord

Transplant expert departing

HAIFA (JPFS) —

Dr. Yigal Kam, a specialist in liver transplants who was to have headed Rambam Hospital's transplant centre, is leaving for Denver, Colorado, to work in a liver transplant centre there, apparently having despaired of getting the local centre going.

Rambam's liver transplant centre, which would have been the country's first, has been put on ice for at least a year. The $1 million raised for the centre by friends of the hospital in the U.S. will be used for other purposes in the hospital, with their agreement.

The main difficulty was the lack of donors, which compelled potential patients to be referred overseas. Kam himself operated on some of the patients in Pittsburgh, where he trained for the procedure.

The difficulties were said to have been partly caused by lack of cooperation from other hospitals, which failed to refer potential donors, apparently because the hospitals had not resigned themselves to Rambam getting exclusive authorization from the health ministry for the complex transplant.

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Toronto UJA cookout brings communities together

Canuck-style barbecue big hit in Beit Dagan

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — Toronto recently played host at a one-of-a-kind barbecue in the United Jewish Appeal Project Renewal community of Beit Dagan for "a couple of hundred close friends."

And "close friends" is the key phrase, say Project Renewal co-chairmen Michael Benjamin and Marty Goldberg, when referring to the residents of Beit Dagan and UJA's newest twin of Kfar Gvirol.

During their many trips to Israel to consult with leaders and members of the Project Renewal community councils, they have established long-lasting, mutually rewarding relationships.

"These people have been so warm and hospitable, we decided it was time for us to reciprocate. We did it with a bang-up Canadian-style cookout with all the trimmings," the chairman explained.

All the food, from hot dogs, hamburgers, onions, pickles and other treats, were prepared, cooked, sliced and served up by the Toronto contingent that included the co-chairmen and committee members David Brown and Robert Harlang and Goldberg's daughter, Leah. Dr. Paul Freedman of Toronto, who was visiting with his wife Wilma and their two daughters, pitched in as well.

The "receiving" line, which Benjamin and Goldberg claim "seemed endless," included residents from both Project Renewal communities, from Beit Dagan Mayor Eli Dadon on down.

Also prominent among the invited guests were Gideon Witkon, director-general of the Jewish Agency, plus an unexpected and welcome visitor from Toronto, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai.

"It was wonderful," said Michael Benjamin, "like one huge family simcha. I don't think anything like this has ever been done in Israel, at least not by a North American community."

Both chairmen feel that the special camaraderie generated between the Israelis and Torontonians is what makes the Project Renewal experience "so unique, beautiful and worthwhile."

Project Renewal co-chairmen Marty Goldberg and Michael Benjamin (second and third from right) host barbecue in Beit Dagan. With them (from left) are Gideon Witkon, director general of the Jewish Agency; Leah Goldberg; David Brown; Eli Dadon, Beit Dagan mayor; Robert Harling and Dr. Paul Freedman.

Holocaust memorial proposal accepted by North York

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A proposal to build a $300,000 Holocaust memorial in Earl Bales Park was adopted recently by the North York parks and recreation committee with little debate.

"I'm flabbergasted, but delighted," Goldi Raab, wife of the sculptor Ernest Raab, told The CJN. She said the proposal had run into a lot of opposition from the city's arts panel and she anticipated a tough fight in the committee. It still needs approval from North York council which meets July 11.

Mayor Mel Lastman and Councillor Michael Berger, in whose ward the park is located, gave their support and, on their suggestion, the committee agreed to delete a recommendation that memorial donors pay as well for maintenance of the bronze and granite structure.

Ernest Raab said the money to build it came from private donors.

The 36-foot-high bronze obelisk, a 3-sided structure narrowing at the top, will be easily visible from Bathurst St. The tentative site is a location north of Raoul Wallenberg drive, where there is a natural elevation of 5 feet.

The Raabs, both survivors of the Holocaust, said they hope the memorial can be completed by Yom Hashoah in 1990. On that day, every year, a flame will be lit on top of the obelisk in memory of Holocaust victims.

Councillor Ron Summers moved adoption of the report by Gordon Hutchinson, commissioner of parks and recreation, recommending approval of the memorial providing all the necessary drawings specifications and financial details are in order. The report was adopted unanimously by the 6-member committee.

If sculptor Raab does not come up with details satisfactory to all concerned, the report says that donors to the project should allow the funds to be used for an open competition among sculptors to design a Holocaust Memorial.

The memorial proposed by Raab will have on the 6-foot pedestal the inscribed names of about 1,000 communities where the entire Jewish population was wiped out. It will also give the number who lived there. The pedestal, concrete covered by granite, will also list the names of the largest concentration camps. Two low walls of granite will flank the obelisk, giving the memorial a width of 30 feet.

The design incorporates a train, symbolizing the death trains that rolled into the camps, and a high barbed-wire fence. Broken Hebrew letters at the base are to show that God himself was distraught and in the gas ovens with the victims, according to Raab.

The sides of the obelisk will be about three feet wide. On one side will be the word Remember, on another, Souviens Toi, the same in French, and on the third in Hebrew, "They have sanctified the Holy Name."

The pedestal will contain the first three or four words of the mourners' kaddish.

Commissioner Hutchinson did not follow his staff's advice in recommending approval of the Raab proposal. They suggested instead that the concept of a Holocaust Memorial for Earl Bales Park be accepted in principle, but that the Raab proposal not be accepted.

An arts unit convened by the commissioner's staff, recommended against the Raab sculpture and proposed instead that a public competition be held, possibly for two or three alternate sites. The members of the arts unit were Ted Bieler, Michael Greenwood, Virginia Solomon, and Joyce Zemans.

Besides his mural in Beth Tzedec, Ernest Raab has works in the new Science Centre of Mt. Sinai Hospital and in Bank Hapoalim, at Bathurst-Glencairn.

The commissioner's staff asked people in the Senior Centre and the Community Centre in Earl Bales to give their opinions about the project and, of the 26 replies, 80% were in favor and 20% opposed.

Letters of support to the committee were received from Councillor Irving Chapley, Beth Tzedec Congregation, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, League for Human Rights, B'nai B'rith Canada, and Sister Marge Boyle of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

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Act of "responsibility" not charity

Tesslers honored for endowment at Baycrest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
In a warm, emotional and nostalgic evening, Sonia and Manley Tessler were honored for endowing the Women's Auxiliary Cafe at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

With friends and family surrounding them, the Tesslers looked back on their odyssey from a small town in pre-war Poland, through the Holocaust tragedy and perseverance to a life of family warmth and financial success in their new lives in Canada.

Always harkening back to their roots in Koretz, Poland and recalling members of their families lost to the Nazis, the Tesslers spoke of the intense pride and satisfaction in being in a position to help those at the Baycrest Centre.

The evening culminated with all 18 members of the Tessler clan symbollically signing a contract, promising to complete within one year payment of the $250,000 endowment for the cafe.

"What a wonderful feeling to contribute to the cafeteria to allow Jews to meet" and enjoy themselves, said Manley Tessler, his voice trembling with emotion.

It was smiles all around as Sonia and Manley Tessler (2nd from right) were honored for endowing the cafe at the Baycrest Centre. Joining them are Stan Feldman, president of the Baycrest Centre Foundation (left) and Stephen Rudin, chief executive officer and executive director of the Centre. [Tom Sandler photo]

Located in an atrium setting, with high glass roofs and a lattice work of tubular steel, vibrant trees and colorful pennants, the area is bright, cheerful and spacious.

Proceeds from the Women's Auxiliary Cafe help support the Centre's Alzheimer-related programs. Baycrest provides "a continuum of care" so that the medical social and emotional needs of its 300 hospital patients and 592 residents can be met on one site.

Those present at the dedication ceremony were treated to an audio-visual slide presentation with each of Manley and Sonia's three daughters, Celia, Reesa and Debbie, and sons-in-law Harvey Atkin, Dr. David Feinstein and Ed Glina respectively, telling the Tessler's story in words and pictures.

Prior to the war, Manley and Sonia had migrated to the Soviet Union, he to Siberia, she to central Asia. Determined to see Sonia again, Manley began a lengthy search for her.

"We were so many miles apart," Sonia, a volunteer at Baycrest, recalls. "But with the help of family and friends he was able to find me. It was a long and difficult journey in Russia at that time."

In 1947, the Tesslers left Europe behind and joined relatives already living in Winnipeg. After a few years in the prairie city, the Tessler's moved in 1954 to Regina where Manley was involved in a number of ventures, including the cattle business and the purchases of rooming houses.

"Even then we did renovations," quipped Celia, their eldest daughter, born in Tashkent.

However, the desire to be part of a more extensive Jewish community — and to ensure their daughters married nice Jewish boys — prompted the Tesslers to pull up stakes and move to Toronto.

Each of the Tessler children attended Jewish day school (as do all their grandchildren) and by 1988, all three daughters were married to nice Jewish boys.

From simple rooming house operators and renovators, the Tesslers have become large-scale developers, with a major project planned in Brampton involving the construction on land purchase 25 years ago of 350 family homes, condominiums and an indoor mall.

Son-in-law Ed Glina told the assembled guests that making donations is nothing new to the Tesslers. He said they have contributed to funds supporting Israeli soldiers, the Technion, United Jewish Appeal and Hadassah.

They have also helped their landsman, establishing a scholarship fund to aid the children of Koretzers.

Feinstein, the last of the sons-in-law to address the audience after introductory remarks by Atkin (the first to marry a Tessler girl), noted that the mark of a truly civilized culture is how well it treats its elderly.

He expressed pride in his in-laws for their act of tzedakah — not charity, he said, but "responsibility."

Rabbi Leo Goldman of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in Detroit, spoke on behalf of "those people who didn't live to see this naches."

Koretz may have been a numerically small Jewish community of 5,000, he said, but it was "spiritually rich." The town was destroyed by the Nazis along with the Jewish life there, but those who survived "live in the spirit they were exposed to in our small town," the rabbi said.

The evening's proceedings kicked off with Stephen Rudin, executive director of the Centre, expressing Baycrest's thanks and noting the quality of the 70-year-old Centre was attributable to the philanthropy of people like the Tesslers.

The cafe, he said, would serve as a meeting place for the 2,000 people who use the Centre each week.

Jewish causes receive smaller cut

NEW YORK (JTA) —
In the early 1970s, when Jews contributed more than $1 billion per year to philanthropy, two-thirds of the total went to Jewish causes.

Today, annual Jewish contributions to all charities have risen to $3.5 billion. But as older givers are supplanted by their younger, more secularly oriented counterparts, the share of contributions going to Jewish causes has dropped to around 50% of the total, according to Dr. Barry Kosmin, a New York sociologist.

"The Jewish philanthropic dollar seems to be increasingly secularized," Kosmin said last week. Or, as a fellow sociologist put it, Jews who once gave with their "kishkes" (guts) and hearts are now giving with their heads.

Social scientists, community leaders and professional fund raisers donated two days last week to discussing the changing nature of Jewish philanthropy.

The conference, Jewish Philanthropy in Contemporary America, was cosponsored by the City University of New York, the Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life at City College and the North American Jewish Data Bank, a joint project of the CUNY Graduate School and the Council of Jewish Federations.

Outlined number of challenges

Presenters outlined a number of challenges to Jewish fund raisers, including the increasing role women are playing in raising and donating funds, changes in the tax laws and reappraisals of Israel's influence on Jewish communal identity.

There was also discussion of philanthropies representing new, sophisticated constituencies, including the New Israel Fund and the Jewish Fund for Justice. Both bypass such centralized philanthropic channels as the United Jewish Appeal to fund specific projects or organizations in Israel and other countries.

Kosmin, who is director of the Jewish Data Bank, and Paul Ritterband, director of the Center for Jewish Studies at CUNY, cochaired the conference. Both agreed in presentations and interviews that of all these changes, however, the most significant remains the growing secularization and acculturation of the American Jewish community.

Kosmin described the traditional Jewishly oriented philanthropist as someone born in the 1920s who remembers the Depression, World War II, the old Jewish neighborhood and the sound of Yiddish.

But with each succeeding generation, said Ritterband, the probability of giving to a Jewish cause and the relative size of the contribution both shrink.

A Jew born in the 1940s, for instance, may be as likely to belong to the board of a major American ballet company or orchestra as he or she would that of a Jewish community centre or national defence organization.

"If fund raisers continue to play the same old game, they're going to go straight down the tubes," said Ritterband.

Still, Ritterband insisted that the conference was not about raising money, but understanding a people.

Said the sociologist, whose department has more social scientists dealing with Jewish life than any university outside of Israel, "What you put your money into is a telling indicator of where you stand."

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Foundation chairman Goldman announces gifts

Canadian Jews urged to help strengthen Tel Aviv

TORONTO —

Jews must act decisively to help strengthen Tel Aviv at this critical time in Israel's history, says Murray Goldman, newly elected chairman of the Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation.

It is "incumbent upon us to strengthen the social infrastructure of Tel Aviv, this unique and bustling city," the chairman said at a recent luncheon which he and community leader Murray Koffler hosted in honor of the city's visiting Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

"The Arabs are setting fires and throwing stones. Let us show the world that we are building," said Goldman, president of the Goldman Group.

He announced his own major gift towards the building of a Toronto project — a sports centre in Neveh Chen, a poor area in east Tel Aviv.

Goldman also announced generous gifts from the David and Hilda Weissman Foundation of Montreal of a mother and child care centre to be named after them, as well as a clinic to be built by the Friends of Israel in Hamilton, headed by Morris Lax, in conjunction with B'nai B'rith of Canada.

Premier makes presentation

Lahat, who was introduced by Goldman, spoke with much feeling about his city's "deprived neighborhoods," some of which are being improved with the help of Project Renewal.

Many others, the mayor said, are being helped by the Tel Aviv Foundation, established 10 years ago by an Israeli businessman and now branching out abroad. He recalled a recent major event in Los Angeles, led by a big gift from Armand Hammer, which will help build a joint community project for Jews and Arabs in Jaffa.

Lahat also dwelt on the political situation. He said Israel must find "mutual understanding" with its neighbors in order to achieve peace.

Earlier, Lahat called on Ontario Premier David Peterson, accompanied by Koffler, Goldman, Consul-General Gideon Saguy and Hanan Ben-Yehuda, managing director of the Tel Aviv Foundation.

In a discussion in the presence of Hershell Ezrin, principal assistant to the premier, views were exchanged on a variety of subjects, among them housing for young couples, and rent control.

Peterson presented Lahat with a ceramics plate from the Gardiner Museum. The mayor invited the premier to visit the many new projects of the Tel Aviv Foundation when he comes to Israel.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat (left) is seen with (from left) Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh, Murray Koffler and Murray Goldman.

The luncheon, held at the Four Seasons Hotel, had many prominent guests including: Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh, MP Robert Kaplan, Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn, Paul Godfrey, Morris Kerzner, Joe Frieberg, Tom Beck, Wolfe Goodman, Donald Carr, Edward Richmond, Jack Diamond, Ronald Appleby, Bram Appel, Ralph Snow, Amos Tuval, Eli Rubenstein, Gerald Marr, Mendy Sharf, Murray Menkes, Harry Tomarin, Julie James, Peter Cohen, Alex Fisher, Emilio Bruns, Frank Diamont, Alex Serota, Harry Rasky, Gary Goldman, Adam Koffler, and others.

Heart surgery capacity rises

TORONTO —

The capacity of Toronto's three heart surgery units will be increased immediately by 400 patients per year to 3,100 as part of an $18 million effort by the Ontario ministry of health aimed at preventing and treating heart and circulatory diseases.

Health Minister Elinor Caplan recently announced a number of initiatives which include a new $1 million health promotion program, a central registry for patients requiring heart surgery, the appointment of a cardiovascular coordinator to oversee all aspects of heart and vascular care and a major expansion of facilities for heart surgery.

This expansion will see Mount Sinai Hospital adding five critical care beds and two new step-down units with 10 beds. It will receive capital grants totalling $975,400 and increased operating funds of more than $3 million.

The Toronto Hospital's caseload will increase by 200 patients a year, using existing beds. The ministry will provide a $250,000 grant to expand perfusionist (heart pump) staff, and increased operating funds of $588,000.

St. Michael's Hospital will increase its heart surgery caseload by 200 patients a year. It will add nine additional critical care beds, with ministry capital grants totalling more than $2.1 million and increased operating funds of $6.4 million.

A 4th heart surgery unit planned as part of the redevelopment of Sunnybrook Medical Centre will be accelerated and is scheduled to be in operation by the end of the year. Initially it will handle up to 300 cases a year. Sunnybrook will get four additional critical care beds, a capital grant of more than $1.4 million and increased operating funds in excess of $1.1 million.

Caplan said that facilities for heart and circulatory care will also be expanded at Ottawa Civic Hospital, Victoria Hospital and University Hospital in London, Sudbury Memorial Hospital and Hamilton Civic Hospitals.

The minister said that in addition to the $1 million in new health promotion funding, her department is launching a $1.5 million, 3-year healthy lifestyles media campaign this fall. It is aimed at reducing smoking and alcohol consumption and increasing nutrition awareness.

Caplan said the cardiovascular health coordinator will be responsible for coordination, communication and integration of cardiovascular services and prevention programs within and outside her ministry.

The final initiative is the establishment of a computerized central registry for heart patients awaiting surgery at Toronto General Hospital. Caplan said her ministry will provide $100,000 in start-up funding for the registry, a pilot project, and will later expand the service to other parts of the province.

"As the ministry shifts its focus from being chiefly a funder of treatment programs, to planning based on health outcomes, the data collected by the registry will be useful in measuring the effect of cardiovascular surgery on the overall health status of Ontarians," Caplan said.

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Organizations and People

Montrealers take part

Monument to dead Bundist leaders dedicated

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Montreal couple Chaika and Boruch Spiegel are among just five persons alive today who fought in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising 45 years ago. This spring they shunned the Polish government's official commemoration and instead joined thousands of persons, most of them non-Jewish Poles, who dedicated a monument in the Warsaw Jewish cemetery to two martyred Bundist leaders.

The event did not have the blessings of the Polish authorities. Admirers of the two Bundists, Henryk Erlich and Wiktor Alter, had for years attempted to erect a such a monument, but had been stymied by the government. Erlich and Alter, the top two leaders of the Bund, a Jewish workers socialist movement, before World War II, were executed without trial by Stalinist Russia in 1941.

The government apparently turned a blind eye this year, even though the outlawed trade union Solidarity played a key role in the organization of the commemoration, held April 17, two days before the official ceremony. Some estimate 15,000 people turned out for the unveiling of the Bundists' monument, Spiegel said, but not one uniformed security officer was in sight.

For the Spiegels, who were active Bundists from their youth, Erlich and Alter were their greatest heroes, not just names they had heard, but personal comrades.

While fleeing eastward from the advancing Nazi forces, Alter and Erlich were arrested in September, 1933 by the Red Army and accused of being German sympathizers. They were later released after they offered their services in the fight against Hitler, by heading the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, but were re-arrested in December, 1941.

Their fate remained a mystery until February, 1943, when the Soviet ambassador Maxim Litvinov informed American labor leaders, who had taken up their case, that Alter and Erlich had been summarily executed by order of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court in December, 1941. The charge was "spreading defeatist propaganda" and "appealing to the Soviet troops to conclude peace with Germany."

As AFL-CIO vice-president Albert Shanker said at the unveiling, "That such a calumny would be used made the injustice done to them all the more odious. Alter and Erlich were unalterably committed to the defeat of Hitler and called on Jewish workers to fight alongside the Red Army to achieve that defeat, to save Jews and Gentiles, from further annihilation.

"We know the real reasons why these courageous men were executed: because they could not be bought or cajoled into serving the plots then being laid to force Poland into submission after the war. We know now it was Stalin himself who ordered the executions, just as he ordered the executions of tens of thousands of Poles."

The monument, a simple white stone bearing a plaque for each man, states in Polish and Yiddish that Alter and Erlich were "executed in Russia" in 1941.

Chaika Belchatowska and Boruch Spiegel were among the Polish Jews who heeded the two Bundist leaders' call in September, 1939 that they immediately take up arms against the Nazis because they foresaw the fate of the Jews of Poland. It was in that spirit that Warsaw's last remaining Jews rose up in April 1943 in a desperate battle against the Nazis "to die with a gun in hand."

Boruch and Chaika Spiegel lay a wreath at the monument to Bundist leaders Wiktor Alter and Henryk Erlich in the Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw.

The Spiegels, who have been living in Montreal since 1948, were among only about 60 Warsaw Ghetto Jews — of a total population of about 500,000 — who escaped deportation to concentration camps and then survived the uprising. As the ghetto was liquidated, they escaped through the sewers and went to the Wyszkow forest, where they fought with the partisans, who sustained heavy losses.

In 1944, the Spiegels returned to Warsaw and joined in the Polish nationalists' unsuccessful attempt to oust the Germans, a bloodbath that left some 300,000 Poles dead, Spiegel said.

Today, the Spiegels are among only five surviving members of the Jewish Combat Organization, known as the ZOB. Its leader, Marek Edelman, still lives in Poland.

The Spiegels went to Poland with their children Mindy, 36, a schoolteacher in Montreal, who spoke at the unveiling as a member of the second generation, and Julius, 41, parks commissioner in Brooklyn, NY. For Mrs. Spiegel, 67, it was her first trip back to Poland. It's not one she soon wants to repeat.

"It was very hard to go back; it was no picnic. There is no sign of the Jewish life I knew. It was very hard to digest it all. Even though everyone is polite to you, you are not at ease," she said.

Her 68-year-old husband, a retired handbag factory manager, adds: "Before the war, there were 350,000 Jews in Warsaw. There were more Jews on my street alone than there are in all of Poland today — 5,000. All of the houses are gone. Even the Jews that remain don't look like Jews."

The Spiegels avoided the official Warsaw Ghetto uprising commemoration, attended by thousands of Jews from around the world, because they felt it was staged for propaganda purposes. "We didn't agree with the way it was done. It was turned into a political event. Poland simply wants to look good in the eyes of the world."

More understanding urged for needs of the mentally ill

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL —
When it comes to understanding the problems and the needs of the mentally ill, the general public still has a long way to go, says Dr. Davis Pollock, chairman of the Public Awareness Committee of the U.S.-based National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

The mentally ill, he said, continue to be stigmatized and regarded as the lepers of our society. "We have hundreds of years of public apathy and ignorance to undo," Pollock stated recently at the Jewish General Hospital's Institute of Community and Family Psychiatry.

Pollock was speaking to an audience of more than 150 people at the annual meeting of the Quebec Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), a NAMI affiliate. Based in Washington, NAMI has 900 affiliates across North America. It functions on three levels: as a self-help group for the relatives and friends of the mentally ill, as a family support system and as a lobby group.

Incorporated in 1981, NAMI was founded as a response to the helplessness and anguish felt by the families of the mentally ill. It has been an uphill struggle. Compared with other diseases, money for research into mental illness has been minimal, even though the mentally ill occupy more hospital beds than cancer, heart and lung disease patients combined, he said.

Pollock's own connection with mental health is not professional, it is personal. Two of his three children — a 37-year-old daughter and a 28-year-old son — are victims of manic depression and schizophrenia, respectively. In fact, Pollock is not a psychiatrist, but a retired New York dentist who gave up his practice to work full-time as a NAMI advocate.

"I'm busier now than when I was practicing dentistry," he confessed.

Couple felt isolated

When his first child became ill, Pollock recalled how he and his wife felt isolated. He also related the problems he had communicating with his daughter's psychiatrist. "We volunteered to help as a family, but her doctor gave us the old confidentiality routine and refused to discuss her case. He was a jerk," Pollock said bluntly.

In addition to its main goals of support, research and advocacy, NAMI is also concerned with increasing public awareness and understanding. "Until the misconceptions about mental illness disappear, families will be reluctant to come out of hiding and the stigma of shame and guilt will persist."

Towards that end, Pollock dispelled some of the most common myths about mental illness. First, the family is not to blame. He said most medical research today indicates that mental illness is either biological, biochemical or genetic in its origins.

He also pointed out that the mentally ill are no more violent than the rest of society. In fact, they are more often the victims of violence than the perpetrators.

Another myth is the public tendency to confuse schizophrenia with multiple or split personality disorder. Schizophrenia is a brain disease, believed to be triggered by a biochemical imbalance. It is characterized by delusions, hallucinations and by a separation between thought processes and emotions.

Associating it with split personality, with the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde syndrome, only trivializes it, Pollock said.

Pollock concluded by advising the audience to "be knowledgeable, visible, politically active and to walk with their heads held high. Remember, there is nothing to be ashamed of," he said.

He also urged family members to be assertive because often they are more aware of how to help their sibling, child, spouse or parent than the doctors. "Don't allow professionals to say to you that they know best. The family and the patient must be listened to."

Pollock's wife, Helen, who recently became a psychiatric social worker, added that it is essential for people to become actively involved. "I know how tiring it is to live with mental illness, but any contribution you can make is important. It is a way you can deal with your pain."

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22 years as York alderman

Nobleman honored by politicians at reception

TORONTO —

Ben Nobleman, believed to be Metro Toronto's longest serving alderman, was honored at a tribute reception recently by politicians from all levels of government.

Nobleman, who has served 22 consecutive years as alderman for Ward 1 in the City of York, said he plans to run again in the municipal elections this fall. He promised jokingly, however, that he would not be running for the post of mayor of York or for Metro council.

Guest speakers included Barbara McDougall, minister of employment and immigration; Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of industry, trade and technology; Chayiva Hosek, Ontario minister of housing, and Paul Godfrey, publisher of The Toronto Sun and former Metro chairman.

Written congratulations came from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, former premier Bill Davis and Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton.

A plaque was presented to Nobleman by lawyer Robert Rothman, who acted as co-chairman of the reception along with Rabbi David Monson. Lawyer Robert Hall acted as master of ceremonies.

Nobleman has been chairman of every major committee of York council, as well as the board of health. He has four senior citizens buildings in his ward, probably more than any other alderman in Metro.

At tribute reception are (from left) Monte Kwinter, Ben Nobleman, Chaviva Hosek and Paul Godfrey.

In December, Nobleman persuaded the Toronto Transit Commission to install an attendant at the Heath St. subway station for the convenience of senior citizens. The alderman is now seeking to have an elevator placed at that location.

Six years ago, the ratepayers in his ward honored him by naming a park, across from the Spadina Expressway, The Ben Nobleman Parkette.

Risa Albert and Blaine Rosenberg

Jewish Dateline plays Cupid again

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Jewish Dateline has played Cupid once again.

When Risa Albert and Blaine Rosenberg met last winter through the Toronto dating service, something clicked.

After an unusual courtship involving marathon telephone calls and countless hospital visits, the two were married in May by Rabbi Michael Stroh at Temple Har Zion in Thornhill.

And to top it off, they now hope to open a party supply business together.

Not bad for a couple that never actually went on a single date.

Albert, a 40-year-old widow, had been involved with Jewish Dateline for a year and had had four introductions. Rosenberg, a 46-year-old divorcee, had gone on three dates arranged by the service, none terribly memorable.

But when the two were brought together by Dateline director Debbie Cowitz last December, there was one hitch: Rosenberg was going into hospital to have his phlebitis treated.

"So I went to the hospital to meet him," Albert told The CJN. "He was hooked up to a machine and wearing pyjamas."

From that modest start, Albert kept going back to visit her date, and the two spoke on the phone for an average four hours a day for a month.

"It was hard to be debonaire in the hospital," says Rosenberg. "I wasn't at my best."

When the time came for Rosenberg's release, Albert invited him to convalesce at her home in Thornhill.

He went and never left.

"I just closed up my apartment and stayed," says Rosenberg, a one-time cab and limousine driver. Albert, who came "as a package deal" — she has two young sons — is still at a loss to explain how it all happened. "Nobody actually popped the question," she says. "It just sort of evolved."

The happy couple has nothing but praise for Jewish Dateline, and they reject the stigma that often comes with hooking up to a dating service.

"I never thought it would work," Albert says frankly. "But it really is a great way to meet people if the bar scene doesn't appeal to you, or if you don't want to be fixed up by friends and relatives."

With 500 clients ranging in age from 21 to 75, Jewish Dateline caters to the estimated 28,000 Jewish singles in Toronto, who encompass never-marrieds, the divorced and widowed, and single parents. Funded by Toronto Jewish Congress, the service has brought together almost 2,000 people in the four years it has been in existence. It operates in the Bathurst-Lawrence area with two full-time and several volunteer staff.

For $125, a client is interviewed by Cowitz and asked to fill out an application. "We talk about goals," she says, before the data are fed into a computer. Sometimes, it's the computer that matches people up, but mainly, it is Cowitz who spots when the chemistry is right.

"There's absolutely nothing wrong in coming here," Cowitz stresses. "It's a great option for singles. There are no losers here."

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Organizations and People

Jewish Student Federation, Benjamin Institute organizers

Program on death awareness receives award

TORONTO —

The unique Death Awareness Week at York University last February has won a continent-wide award for its organizers.

The Jewish Student Federation of York and The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral are the recipients of the William Haber Award for Excellence in Programming. The award is presented annually by International B'nai B'rith Hillel for the best Jewish campus programs across North America.

Death Awareness Week was an event which took almost one full year to plan. The central goal of the program was to stimulate young adults to examine the meanings of their lives, to possibly identify any troubled youth who might be contemplating suicide, and to educate both the student population and the wider community on various aspects of the Jewish approach to death and mourning.

Throughout the week, students and community resource people addressed a variety of contemporary issues related to the topic. Death was approached from spiritual, psychological, practical and even humorous perspectives.

A large death awareness display was set up in the Central Square concourse area of the campus, where it was viewed by literally thousands of people on a daily basis. Caskets on loan from Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel as well as other ritual objects for death and mourning such as burial shrouds, shiva chairs and even a tombstone were the focus of the display.

Twenty-five students and close to two dozen psychologists, social workers, and clergy participated. The program was coordinated by students Reine Attar and Darcy Sherman and supervised by Rayzel Robinson, executive director of JSF at York and Simcha Steven Paull, director of The Benjamin Institute. The event was funded in part by the Endowment Fund of Toronto Jewish Congress.

The program was held in memory of Cheri Maisels, a former secretary of Jewish Student Federation.

Michael Benjamin, of Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, (second from left) and Reine Attar (centre) display plaques as Simcha Steven Paull (left), Rosanne Ain, JSF chairman, and Rayzel Robinson look on. [Graphic Artists photo]

More anti-semitic incidents in first 4 months of 88—BB

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. —

Anti-semitic incidents rose in Canada during the first four months of this year as compared to last year, a B'nai B'rith meeting was recently told.

A total of 41 anti-semitic incidents occurred between January and April this year, compared to 55 for all of 1987.

But the recent increase doesn't indicate Canadians are becoming more anti-semitic, said Alan Shefman, national director of BB's League for Human Rights.

"Our information shows that those who were prone to be anti-semitic now see a window of opportunity to manifest their bigotry through overt activities," he said.

Shefman made the comments, based on the League's data, at a recent meeting of the Ontario Region cabinet.

His audience included leaders of the close-knit Jewish community here of about 160 families. The League holds at least one of its regional monthly meetings in a community outside Toronto.

"The League feels it is very important to reach out to the smaller communities," said Dolf Vomberg, a St. Catharines native and a past regional league chairman.

"We are able to familiarize community leaders about the League and we receive feedback from the people that we represent."

League members felt that St. Catharines would be an appropriate choice because of its efforts in a local issue involving alleged anti-native statements made during talk shows on a Niagara Falls radio station.

"Originally there were some concerns about our action in the matter," said Simon Adler, chairman of the League's Ontario cabinet.

"But we have had a series of discussions and meetings such as this since we became involved in the matter and we have been able to alleviate some of the fears and concerns.

"We have found these meetings very successful," Adler said. "We find that people are very interested in the issues that are addressed by the League and their input allows us to develop programs that meet the needs of the entire Jewish community, not just the metropolitan areas."

During the meeting, St. Catharines residents were given an overview of League activities during the past year ranging from the trial of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel to the annual Media Human Rights Awards.

Lubavitchers provide educational programs

By PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

If Lubavitch of Southern Ontario is anything, it's not slow off the mark.

Although the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Schneerson, recently called for "emergency action" to stem the tide of what he said was Jewish illiteracy among Jewish children, Lubavitch of Southern Ontario already has several children's educational programs on the go and at least one more ready to roll.

For example, the Lubavitch day camp for boys and girls 12 and under, has already signed up 600 children for a 7-week session starting July 6, Lubavitch educational director Rabbi Yossi Gansburg recently told The Canadian Jewish News.

At least half the children have no affiliation with any synagogue, Gansburg says.

The camp, which will be held at various public schools in Thornhill, is not only designed to give the children a warm feeling for Yiddishkeit but is also designed to encourage them to continue their Jewish education, Gansburg adds.

To bring Yiddishkeit to the children of Metro's burgeoning Israeli community, Lubavitch has hired Yitzchak Holtzman, an Israeli rabbi and a Lubavitcher. Holtzman will concentrate his efforts on the many Israeli families who are unaffiliated with the larger Jewish community, Gansberg says.

Rand, 'Peg board parting company

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg's Board of Jewish Education and Baruch Rand, its long time superintendent, are parting company. The board decided last January not to renew Rand's contract.

"He (Rand) has served the board well," said David Cohen, the BJE chairman, "but the feeling is that perhaps we should be doing things in another direction with another person."

The BJE was formed in 1979 to centralize Winnipeg's Jewish day school system which had consisted of four separate schools to that point. Rand was hired in 1980 as the BJE's first superintendent. He had been a director of the Jewish school system in Toledo.

Although BJE enrolment has been declining in recent years due to competition from Hebrew bilingual programs in the public school system and a shrinking population base, Cohen maintains that was not a factor in not renewing Rand's contract.

The answer seems to be in the state of flux the Jewish schools are currently going through.

Dentist Moncarz looks forward to volunteer work in Israel

TORONTO —

Dr. Victor and Sharon Moncarz of Toronto do one thing that most people only dream of — every seven years, they and their three children spend a year abroad. The last time, it was in the south of France. This year, it's Jerusalem.

Moncarz, chief of oral maxillofacial surgery at North York Branson Hospital, said, in an interview shortly before going to Israel, that he and his wife never considered changing their plans after the disturbances in the territories broke out in December.

"It doesn't concern me," he said. "It was never an issue. If there were any danger at all, I don't think the Israeli government would let us come."

Moncarz, who teaches part-time at the University of Toronto, will work during the year at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine founded by Alpha Omega Fraternity. He said he hopes to combine teaching, research and clinical work in order to keep up his skills — all as a volunteer.

Dr. Victor Moncarz

Moncarz, 43, is in private practice with a group of five dentists working out of three clinics.

"My partners have been extremely supportive of my decision to take a year off every seven years and that's really what makes it all possible," he said.

"Sharon and I decided that this would be part of our lifestyle, but it's knowing I have a job to come back to that makes all the difference. And Sharon was able to get a leave of absence from her part-time job with the Toronto Board of Education, teaching oral French to adults."

The Russian-born Moncarz, who lived in Israel for five years before coming to Toronto when he was 8, was last in Israel with Sharon, a native Torontonian, in 1970.

Describing his family as "very close-knit," Moncarz said this year is "our last shot as a family to go away together and instill in the kids a sense of Yiddishkeit. It's vital to have time to spend with your children when you're not tired."

Their youngest son, Jamie, 9, will attend a Jerusalem public school, while Jillian, 13, and Drew, 16, will go to the Masorati (Conservative) school. Drew will in fact be in Israel for two months longer than the rest of the family, attending Camp Biluim Israel next summer.

"A year like this is a real challenge," Moncarz said, "taking two years to plan, one year to live and two more to come back down to earth."

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Prior to the dinner a Convocation was held, when an honourary doctorate degree was bestowed on Justice Sydney L. Robins.

Dr. Norman Lamm presenting a symbolic "chair" to Justice Sydney L. Robins.

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(seated) Sam Rotman supporter and Guardian of the University; Dr. Louis Rasminsky, Hon. Nat'l Chairman of the Bora Laskin Scholarship Fund; Justice Sydney L. Robins; Dr. Norman Lamm; John J. Robinette Q.C.; Joe Tanenbaum; (standing) Dorothy Hendeles; Morris G. Adams; Rabbi Eliot Feldman; Burton C. Bernard; Joseph Kerzner; Gershon Stern; Moshe Bessin, member of Y.U. Board.

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Dean Monroe Price of the Cardozo Law School; Att. Gen. Ian Scott and Mrs. Scott; Ronald Appleby; Assoc. Chief Justice Chas. Dubin; (standing) Mr. & Mrs. Joey Tanenbaum; Bunny Appleby; Mr. Justice John Brooke and Mrs. Brooke.

Hon. Donald S. Thorson; Dr. Louis Rasminsky; Hon. D. G. Blair and Mrs. Blair; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Burns; (standing) Mr. & Mrs. Shlomo Sharon; Mrs. Donald Thorson; Leon Sharon.

Part of the capacity crowd listening to the keynote address of Dr. Norman Lamm.

Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

Friday, July 8

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear in a musical happy hour at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, July 8, from 2.15-3.15 p.m.

The program will feature a combination of Jewish, Hebrew, semi-classical and dance music.

Sunday, July 10

REACH FOR THE RAINBOW DAY

The 6th annual REACH for the Rainbow Day will be held at Ontario Place on Sunday, July 10, beginning at 10 a.m. This unique day is a day where children with challenges invite their able counterparts to join them. REACH stands for Rewards of Education and Awareness of Children's Handicaps.

Special features include the Forum show from 11 a.m. to noon featuring special guest host **Bob McGrath** of Sesame Street, Polka Dot Door Live with **Peter, Bonnie, Willie P. Bennett** and the Polkaroo, a Michael Jackson impersonator featuring Romeo and the Pharazon Dance Company, and childrens' recording artist **Chris Evans**.

And don't miss the onsite attractions such as the Kids on the Block life-size disabled and non-disabled puppets, unique horses and riders sponsored by the Community Association for Riding for the Disabled, Elmer the Safety Elephant, plus over 30 exhibitors representing programs and services of interest to both the abled and disabled alike.

REACH for the Rainbow Day is free with admission to Ontario Place. For more information, call the Rainbow Hotline at 249-7729.

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Be sure to drop in at the garage and bake sale sponsored by Yamit Chapter, Na'amat Canada, on Sunday, July 10, and pick up some good buys in clothing for the entire family, books, records, housewares and much more.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 46 Stonedene Blvd., Willowdale (turn off Bathurst at Rockford, which is north of Finch).

CNIB SUMMERFEST

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) announces its 2nd annual Summerfest, a fund raising event to be held at the Lake Joseph Centre in the Muskokas on Sunday, July 10, from noon to 6 p.m.

Summerfest is a fun-filled family day where 90 blind and visually impaired children from across Ontario have the opportunity to showcase their abilities. There will be tours of the centre, water ski show, mini golf, face painting, door prizes, rides and a barbecue at minimal costs.

Admission for the day is $2 and children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

Lake Joseph Centre is 18 miles south of Parry Sound on Hwy 69.

CARILLON RECITALS AND TOURS

Sydney Shep, University of Toronto's carillonneur, and a variety of guest artists will give hour-long recitals on the 51-bell Soldiers' Tower carillon at the U of T on Sunday evenings, July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Tower tours will follow the concerts.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at Hart House Circle, west of Queen's Park Cres. For information, call 978-2021.

Tuesday, July 12

VARIETY VILLAGE'S NEW WING

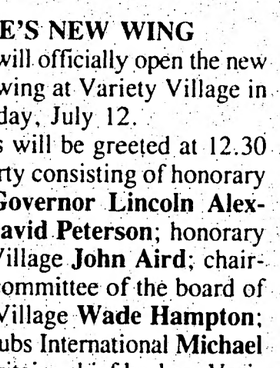
Princess Margaret will officially open the new $5.7 million aquatics wing at Variety Village in Scarborough on Tuesday, July 12.

Her Royal Highness will be greeted at 12.30 p.m. by the official party consisting of honorary patrons **Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander** and **Premier David Peterson**; honorary chairman of Variety Village **John Aird**; chairman of the executive committee of the board of governors of Variety Village **Wade Hampton**; president of Variety Clubs International **Michael Samuelson** of Great Britain; chief barker, Variety Club of Ontario, **Norman Griesdorf**, and acting director of Variety Village **Reginald Bovaird**.

Following the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the official opening and a tour of the new wing, invited guests will join Her Royal Highness for lunch on the patio of the aquatics wing. Music will be provided by members of the award-winning Variety Village Band.

EHUD OLMERT COMES TO TORONTO

To commemorate Israel's 40th year, the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, will present **Ehud Olmert**, MK, member of the foreign affairs committee and the defence committee who was recently a panel member on the ABC special Ted Koppel's Nightline, broadcast live from Jerusalem. He will bring a message from Israel's Prime Minister that will focus on the transformation that has taken place in Israel during the first 40 years and what growth is expected for the future.



Ehud Olmert

Mr. Olmert will be speaking on Tuesday, July 12, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. (The doors will open at 7.30 p.m.) There will be no charge and no solicitation.

Wednesday, July 13

THEATRE DAY TRIP

Eglinton Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, has arranged a summer day trip to the Gryphon Theatre in Barrie on Wednesday, July 13, to see the musical You'll Get Used To It.

The cost, including transportation, lunch, theatre ticket and refreshments on return is $38 per person. If you are interested and would like further information, call **Mary** at 781-0070 or **Hilde** at 226-0260.

And What Else Is New...

GOLFERS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Kidney Foundation has been chosen as the official charity of the Canadian Professional Golfers Championship, presented by Transamerica Life.

The Championship will take place at Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club in Aurora on July 28, 29, 30, and 31.

To support the Kidney Foundation, purchase your Championship tickets by calling the office at 445-0373. Be sure to ask about the $150 executive package that includes two club house passes, two weekly tickets and numerous other daily passes. The regular cost for all those tickets would be $205.

BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue holds shacharis services weekdays at 8.30 a.m. and mincha, maariv at 7 p.m.

Anyone who is not affiliated with a synagogue is welcome to attend. The address is 55 Ameer Ave. For further information, call 636-4400.

AVOID PURSE SNATCHING

Metropolitan Toronto Police are concerned about increased incidents of purse snatching. With the better weather upon us, women are asked to exercise extra caution to avoid becoming a victim.

Here's a list of some police tips:

If a purse must be carried, it should be small and inconspicuous. If you carry a large purse, place your valuables in your pocket or some other safe place on your person.

Elderly women are particularly vulnerable and can be badly injured in a slight fall, so they should not wind the strap around their arm or wear a shoulder strap crossed over the body.

Women are advised not to carry large amounts of money or more identification or credit cards than required during the day's transactions. One of a kind photographs should be kept at home.

If you have an armful of packages, you are particularly vulnerable. Tuck your purse between the parcels and your body.

Never place your purse in a shopping cart, a store counter or on the floor of a washroom.

TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer ranks thin out at the time of summer holidays but, fortunately, teenage volunteers, 15 years of age and up take up the slack and serve their local communities.

Hospitals and day camps are asking for such volunteer help. Each institution has its own widely varied program. For further information, call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

CENTRE FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

The North York Board of Education opened its first reception centre for newly arrived immigrants and refugee families on July 4 at Yorkdale Secondary School.

The Chimo Reception Centre's primary function is to provide information about, and orientation to, the broad range of educational opportunities in North York schools. As well, children and adolescents residing in North York will be assessed, registered, and placed in their local schools prior to school opening in September. Adults will be directed to the North York programs which best suit their needs.

As part of the reception centre, a summer English as a Second Language/Dialect school will operate from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. through to Aug. 19. Classes are provided for students from kindergarten to adult in one building. Students may begin classes at any point during this period.

For further information, call the centre at 781-3557. Yorkdale Secondary School is located at 38 Orfus Rd.

MEALS ON WHEELS

There is an uprecedented demand for meals to be delivered to frail, homebound elderly persons.

If you live or work in the general area of Spadina on the east, Dufferin on the west, St. Clair on the south and Briar Hill on the north, and if you can spare one hour around noon (either on a regular or irregular basis), please phone St. Clair West Meals on Wheels at 657-1204. Training and supervision will be provided. Your help is urgently needed.

In addition, the agency welcomes volunteers to do friendly visiting, escort clients to appointments, do shopping. Whether or not you have a car and whether you are young or old, a warm welcome awaits you.

HIMEL HONORED

At a recent brunch sponsored by the Labor Zionist Movement and the Labor Zionist Alliance-Farband, Ben Himel (right) was presented with a plaque honoring him for his dedication to, and work for, Israel. The presentation was made by guest speaker Eliezer Rafaeli, North American representative of the Israel Labor Party. A campaign was held to upgrade the Benjamin and Edith Himel Medical Clinic in Yavneh, Israel, to a full-scale hospital. Joseph Krystal, the Farband campaign chairman, was chairman of the brunch.

for seniors

Seniors activities this coming week at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., include bridge for beginners and intermediates on Monday from 1-3 p.m.; current events on Tuesday from 2-4 p.m., and music and song with **Bluma** on Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. All these programs take place in the main lounge. For further information, call the Bloor Y at 924-6211.

Workmen's Circle Social Club is meeting for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, July 12, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. If you are interested in any of the upcoming trips, be sure to see **Shirley Grotell** at the meeting.

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DEDICATION REMEMBERED

The national officers of B'nai B'rith Canada paid tribute to Sidney Greenberg, chairman, Israel's 40th celebration committee in Toronto, and to Hindy Freedman, its coordinator, for their dedication and ability to coordinate community-wide celebrations. From left are Danita Dubinsky Aziza, Ontario regional coordinator, BBC; Greenberg, Freedman and Ralph Snow, immediate past national president, BBC.

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Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a dance with a live band on Saturday, July 9, from 8-11 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre located in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard. The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members...A day trip to Corbyville (near Belleville) for members only is planned for Tuesday, July 19. The cost of $14 per person includes lunch and a tour of Wisar Distillery (party and free drinks)...For information about all club activities, contact **Jeanette** at 636-7856.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Canadian Israeli Club, Aluma, is having a summer party, with a light meal and entertainment by singer **Boris Neiman**, on Sunday, July 10, from 7-11.30 p.m. The charge is $8 members, $10 non-members. For information and tickets, call **Abraham Leibovitz** at 633-2630 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273...The Wednesday, July 13 summer outing is a trip to the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake to see the musical comedy, Hit the Deck. The group leaves from the Wagman Centre lobby at 9.30 a.m. and returns 6.30 p.m. The cost is $35.50 members, $36.50 non-members, and includes transportation. Ticket numbers are limited, so register, with payment, at the Wagman Centre office as soon as possible. For more information, contact **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch welcomes new members. The group meets on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

You might be interested in the theatre afternoon Eglinton Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is sponsoring on Wednesday, July 13, at the Gryphon Theatre in Barrie to see the musical, You'll Get Used To It. For details, check the item listed in the What's New section under the July 13 date.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...The new summer schedule for shuffleboard is Tuesday evening only...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday morning at 10. On July 12, **Joseph Penk** will talk about What Did Zygelbaum's Suicide Achieve? . . . The next monthly luncheon meeting takes place Wednesday, July 13, with entertainment by **Sara Hertzberg** leading communal singing...Mrs. Hertzberg has also undertaken to form a choir for the LZA Seniors. All those interested can call her at 636-4071...Bingo will be starting shortly under the chairmanship of **Leo Zelicki** assisted by **Al Levine** and **Moishe Goren**.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., announces that the Hawaiian trip Oct. 17 is selling out rapidly, the Muskoka Lakes cruise Aug. 15 is almost sold out, and the day trip to Stratford Oct. 12 is also selling very quickly...About the ongoing programs —dancersize continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., painting classes also continue indefinitely, drama and relaxation program will resume in the early fall, and a program on mental stimulation is being planned for the fall (more details about this to follow)...For information about trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

The Diamond Jubilee Club, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open for your enjoyment such as dancing and dancersize with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sunday afternoons at 2. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting a lecture on What Do You Expect At Your Age by **Eleanor Harris**, a consultant in healthy lifestyles and wellness, who will dispel some of the myths of aging. The date is Thursday, July 14, at 1.30 p.m.

The Reminiscence Group invites you to join **Judy Johnson** and other seniors in a memory sharing experience when it meets on Wednesdays July 13 and 27, and Aug. 10 and 24.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own will be meeting on Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. Guest artist will be pianist **Nancy Claitman**. This is for Friendship Circle members only and the fee is $1.

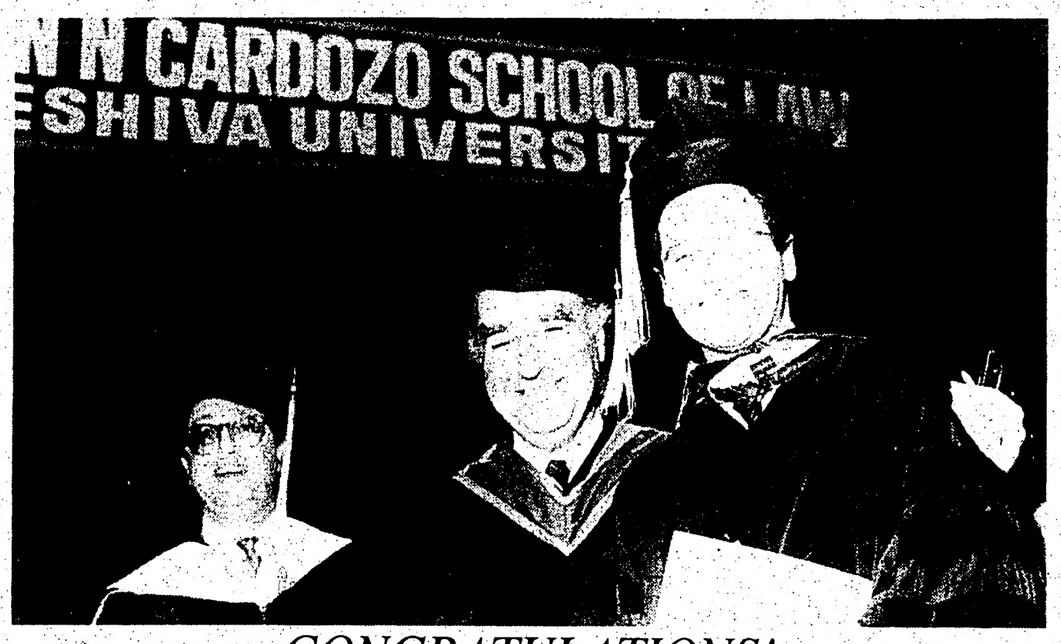
A reminder about the inaugural presentation by the Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly scheduled for Thursday, July 7, at 1.30 p.m. **MP John Oostrom** will be on hand for the opening ceremonies and guest speaker will be **Leeanne Colvin**, staff lawyer for the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly. RSVP by calling **Sheila Zane** at 225-2112.

Wanted — amateur entertainers who would appreciate the opportunity to perform before a senior group to help you gain exposure. If you are interested, call 665-3547.

Some space is still available for the Catskills holiday at the Pines Hotel Aug. 7-12. The cost of $500 Canadian includes return transportation on an air conditioned coach, deluxe hotel room, unlimited gourmet meals, fabulous activities and much more plus comprehensive medical insurance. Registration takes place on Tuesday mornings in the cultural room. This is for members only. For information, call **Barbara Zigler** at the centre at 225-2112.

TTT LUNCHEON

At a recent luncheon hosted by Sydney Cooper (left), chairman of the TTT (Toronto Technion High Tech) Fund Committee, are Mannie Shimoni (centre), executive vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society, and Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur Arieh, who gave an in-depth view of t he present situation in Israel. The gathering also received a report on the status of the TTT Fund, which has now reached 17 families.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Justice Sydney Robins (centre) of the Ontario Court of Appeal, congratulates his nephew, Andrew Farber, upon his graduation from Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. At left is Efrem Nulman, the university's dean of students.

at the jcc

Israeli folkdancing continues during the summer at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Classes for intermediate/beginners start Thursday, July 14, at 8.30 p.m. in Room 101. Classes for intermediate/advanced start Wednesday, July 20, at 8.30 p.m. in Room 221. Join the group, have fun dancing the summer away. Facilities are air conditioned. For information, call **Elaine** at 636-1880, ext. 261.

The North-East Valley Singles Network 49 Plus? Group (age 49 and over) is holding a barbecue at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., on Saturday, July 16, at 8.30 p.m. The charge is $10 and must be prepaid by July 13. Call the Valley office at 889-0813 for information and be sure to check the Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for possible changes.

About People

A YEAR IN JERUSALEM

Rayzel Robinson has been accepted as a Melton Fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for the 1988-89 academic year. She will be on full scholarship to study Jewish Women's Issues and Their Impact on Pluralism.

The executive director of the Jewish Student Federation of York University for the past 11 years, Rayzel holds a Master's degree in Jewish communal services from Brandeis University and an undergraduate degree in Jewish studies from Indiana University. She is one of 20 around the world to be chosen for this fellowship.

Rayzel will be leaving for Jerusalem the end of July with her husband **Simcha Paull**, the director of the Benjamin Institute for Continuing Education and Referral, who will use the year in Israel to write a book on Judaism's View of the Afterlife.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Board of Jewish Education has announced the names of the winners in its annual essay contest celebrating Jewish Book Month.

First place winners are **Ari Burkes** (English); **Shari Friedman** (Hebrew), and **Sheri Dankevy** (English).

Those taking second spot are **Jonny Ain** (English), **Ilana Bereskin** (Hebrew), **Steven Bernstein** (Hebrew), **Chaya Cooperberg** (English), **Avrom Finkelstein** (English), **Lilach Geva** (Hebrew), **Dan Harris** (Yiddish), **Stacey Levitt** (English), **Daniella Robicsek** (Hebrew), and **Alisa Weiner** (English).

At the recent awards ceremony, contest coordinator **Yael Brym** reported that the 13 winners were selected out of hundreds of entries. All the winners received books on Jewish topics, courtesy of the Board of Jewish Education.

THE GARDEN PARTY

Artist **Annette Wolf** invites you to see The Garden Party, an exhibit of her floral watercolors and oil paintings on view July 13-25 at the Civic Garden Centre, Link Gallery, in Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E.

A relative newcomer to the Toronto art scene, who started out eight years ago studying Chinese brush painting, oil painting and life drawing, the Downsview resident says of her work, "I tried to capture the color and fragrance of my son's garden combining Western colors with some Oriental techniques." The majority of the oils are landscapes.

ONEG SHABBAT

Toronto Na'amat recently held an Oneg Shabbat evening in honor of its two State of Israel Bonds Women of Distinction, Louise Cornblum (left) and Dora Israelson. Both Na'amat members had served as chairman of Toronto's Israel Bonds Women's Division. Cornblum is currently an international vice-president. [Graphic Artists photo]

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Total Living Mature Singles invites you to a meeting followed by Mix and Mingle to Total Living tapes. Sunday, July 10, 8:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments. Members $2.00, non-members $3.00.

Singles Rendez-vous (25-45). Beach Outing — Sunday, July 10. Carpools leaving Yorkdale (Casey's entrance) 11:00 a.m. 631-9389.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents — Grand Re-Opening Party, Sunday, July 10th, 8:00 p.m. at the **Bottom Line**, 17A Yorkville Avenue (west of Yonge). $8.00.

Intercity Singles Las Vegas Trip, October 13-16. Booking deadline August 15.

Progressive dinner at Bayview Country Club, Thursday, August 18. Advance booking required. Call **222-7111** for all events.

49+? — Saturday, July 16, Bar-B-Que, 8:30 p.m. $10.00/person. Must be pre-paid by July 13. 889-0813.

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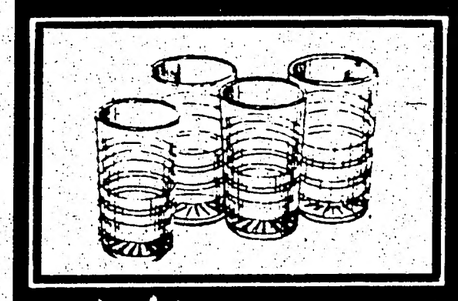

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Baycrest services impress Shaare Zedek doctor

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO—
When you ask Dr. Jehuda van Dijk, a geriatrician at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, what impresses him most about Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, his immediate answer is "the abundance of services provided for the elderly at one place."

Van Dijk was the most recent participant in the Baycrest/Shaare Zedek exchange program, whereby both senior and in-training personnel of the two institutions visit and work at the other for several weeks at a time.

Feeling at home at Baycrest, van Dijk explained that the medical practices are basically very similar to those with which he's familiar in Israel.

"Our resources, of course, are less," he explained, "but we're basically on the same level as to the quality and type of care provided. The difficult problem we face is the lack of beds for extended care and for mentally impaired older patients. But I understand that that's a problem here in Toronto as well.

"Baycrest has a very good name and I came to see their approach first-hand. I'm very impressed with the services; patients have all the facilities, which are so well organized."

He went on to add that geriatrics is "not a specialization of high tech. What's most important is patient care, assessment and arranging the priorities."

Home care systems were well developed in Jerusalem about 10 years ago, he added, but due to budgeting problems they had to be cut back. The systems are now being resumed, with assistance from the department of social security, which has established a fund for people caring for the elderly at home. The monies will be for training and for salaries of paid help.

Van Dijk is very involved in the Alzheimer's disease program at Shaare Zedek, which has both active research projects and patient care. Thanks to Dr. Arnold Rosin, chief of the geriatrics department, and Leah Abramovitch, head social worker, there are four clubs in different localities throughout Jerusalem which offer day care services for Alzheimer's patients.

"The clubs give patients a larger scope and use the potential of what's left of their mental capacities," van Dijk says. "They also offer great relief to the families."

Jerusalem has the third largest elderly population in Israel, behind Tel Aviv and Haifa, and the increasing numbers of aged residents is a concern all over the country, van Dijk says. Shaare Zedek's geriatrics department, which was opened in 1970, was the second in Israel. The hospital has the country's largest extended care department and the first such in-hospital service.

As the doctor participated in rounds at Baycrest he was impressed by the level of nursing care, the omission of catheters and the low level of pressure sores on the patients. Van Dijk credits this not only to the high level of nursing care but also to the abundance of nurses. Because of government financial restrictions, the number of nurses at Shaare Zedek is much lower.

The exchange between the two institutions was started several years ago during a visit to Toronto by Dr. Rosin, at which time he met with Dr. Leslie Goldenberg and Dr. Michael Gordon, both of whom had worked at Shaare Zedek and are senior medical staff members at Baycrest and Mt. Sinai. To date, Goldenberg has been the person most responsible for arranging for funding.

Dr. Jehuda van Dijk (left) makes an emphatic point to Dr. Leslie Goldenberg in the latter's Baycrest Hospital office.

Van Dijk has been at Shaare Zedek since he made aliya from the Netherlands with his new bride in 1968. He was the hospital's first resident in geriatrics, a subspecialty of internal medicine, and became senior physician in geriatrics in 1974.

In comparing the old Shaare Zedek building in Jaffa Road with the new medical centre which opened in 1979, van Dijk fondly recalls the first edifice with nostalgia, despite its problems.

"It was unbelievably overcrowded," he remembers, "but was friendly and very cosy. There were great fears that the warmth and friendliness would disappear in a large new building, but on the whole, the same typical Shaare Zedek atmosphere has been retained."

The Israeli doctor calls his work with Ethiopian immigrants during "Operation Moses" as "one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life. We had one day's notice that Shaare Zedek would be the primary hospital for their care in Jerusalem and each day several of us would go to meet them and decide who needed what type of care.

There were hundreds of men, women and children and they were absolutely silent; they didn't say a word. After all the yelling and shouting of Israelis, that was quite a shock.

"But they all survived, despite the many complicated cases. Many of them come to the Shaare Zedek clinics now and you'd never know they were the same people."

As of now, two other Shaare Zedek senior staff members have been at Baycrest and two Baycrest/University of Toronto fellows in geriatrics have been at Shaare Zedek. As an offshoot of the program, another Shaare Zedek physician will soon be arriving to work at Mount Sinai for a year in cardiology.

In addition, last summer Dr. Monty Zion, chief of cardiology at Shaare Zedek, combined his participation at an international cardiologists' conference in New York with some time at Baycrest. Goldenberg said that Zion's work at Baycrest was most interesting and helpful.

If all goes well, Dr. Goldenberg and his family will be going to Israel next summer for a month so that he, too, can participate in the program which is in effect largely because of his efforts.

Alzheimer's victims' history to be studied

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The family trees of those who have more than one close relative with Alzheimer's disease are to be studied intensively in research aimed at investigating the hypothesis that there is a genetic basis to the disease.

The research, the first on such a large scale in Canada, is being financed by a grant of $750,000 over a 5-year period from the Atkinson Charitable Foundation to Dr. Melvyn Ball, a professor at the University of Western Ontario in London who has been doing research on Alzheimer's disease for 20 years.

A separate grant of $115,000 has been awarded to Ball from the U.S. National Institutes of Health to finance his study of brains from patients stricken early in life with Alzheimer's. He is doing this in collaboration with Dr. Leonard Berg, professor of neurology at Barnes Hospital of Washington University in St. Louis.

One of the scientists working with Ball in the Canadian study is former Montrealer Dr. Dessa Sadovnick, a geneticist at the University of British Columbia. She will be visiting Toronto and Montreal frequently to interview families.

Ball told The CJN that they are not yet ready to hear from families who want to volunteer for the study. It is likely that there will be a call eventually for such families to come forward, he said.

Alzheimer's disease leads to loss of memory and is the major illness destroying the aging human nervous system.

Ball, who is a native of Toronto, and a graduate of the University of Toronto's medical school in 1963, believes there is much to be learned about the disease through genetic research.

"We want to concentrate on learning precisely how an inherited predisposition to senile dementia in certain families may reflect a genetic susceptibility to the degenerative effect of 'slow' viruses such as the herpes virus upon the aging human brain," he said.

There is no medication for Alzheimer's disease, Ball said, and the nature of the disease is such that there is a great burden on other family members, who, he said, "are working the equivalent of a 36-hour day."

The Baycrest Hospital in Toronto recognizes this, Ball said, and Peggy Solomon, a social worker there, and her colleagues are giving strong support to families involved.

About five families in Toronto, one in Montreal and two in Vancouver are the first to be interviewed in this study.

Some of the interviews may take place in the Dementia Study Lab at the University of Western Ontario in London.

"What seems to happen is that for genetic reasons, some people have the kind of brain cells that are more prone to attack by certain viruses," Ball said.

He thinks there should be a central registry of people with Alzheimer's disease and believes one will be set up soon.

If genetic research in Alzheimer's disease leads to a method of preclinical testing of people to see if they have inherited affected genes, then genetic counselling becomes important.

This is one of the points Sadovnick makes in a paper in the May, 1988 issue of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences.

She reported on a family of Irish and Scottish ancestry who emigrated in the 1820s to Ontario, where many members still reside. In this family, she wrote, Alzheimer's disease appears to be inherited with 12 affected members, six women and six men, in four generations.

The disease appears to have its onset in this family when in their late 30s or early 40s and to date all affected individuals have died by age 50. There are no cases of cousins marrying in the family. All surviving affected individuals are now in psychiatric hospitals.

Although familial Alzheimer's disease is rare, Sadovnick wrote that it is important that thorough family histories be taken so that high risk situations can be identified and appropriate counselling given.

"Several family members resented the fact that the familial natures of the disease was kept secret and stated that they would have altered career and family choices had they known.

"Now that members of the third and fourth generations are aware of the risks, several have decided to alter choices in their lives. A few have changed their careers and others have deliberately chosen not to have children."

If pre-clinical testing becomes a fact before the prevention, cure or treatment of the disease is available, as in Huntington's disease, Sadovnick says counselling and support services become important.

"It is important to collect blood now from all affected and unaffected family members, so that if predictive testing becomes an option, it can be offered to subsequent generations," she wrote.

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Organizations and People

Addresses today's "democratic ideals"

New Reconstructionist prayer book is planned

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Reconstructionist congregations will soon have a new prayer book, addressing today's feminist, egalitarian and democratic ideals, the 28th annual convention of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregation and Havurot held recently in North York was told.

Tradition is given the highest priority, promised Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, one of the founders of the Reconstructionist movement. "If there is no reason to change the liturgy, we leave it alone. However, if there are archeological, ethical or esthetic reasons, we modify, interpret, or, if there is no alternative, drop it altogether."

Rabbi David Teutsch, chairperson of the Prayerbook Commission, described the synagogue prayers as "not merely the reflection of our aspirations but the framer of our aspirations; of the individual and Jewish community heart and mind."

In the past, Teutsch said, Jews have felt a kinship to each other in the liturgy. Jewish folklore, Zionism, moral values, and the concept of freedom as exemplified by the Exodus — all of these find expression there, he said.

Unfortunately, he said, many of today's Jews feel alienated from the traditional prayers. "Our goal is to help them find their way home," through transliteration of the Hebrew text, extensive commentaries and historical notes, and gender neutral and modern language.

"Our aim is to produce a siddur that can be used in different and uniquely meaningful ways by each individual congregation."

Rabbi Steven Sager, spiritual leader of a Chapel Hill, North Carolina Reconstructionist congregation, spoke of the siddur as "a place where personal experience and the collective consciousness meet."

However, he stressed, we must approach it not only as a prayer book, but as a vehicle that reflects our ongoing struggle and concerns.

Judith Plaskow, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College, said the collective Jewish memory supposedly embodied in the liturgy is false, because it "was written by men for a community of men," and thus ignores half of the community.

The use of the male image of God, even if one recognizes that the traditional view of God is genderless, she pointed out, instils subconsciously the attitude "if God is male, then male is God."

Certain changes in liturgical language can be made with little difficulty, such as substituting "children" for "sons," and "ancestor" for "father."

But when, she said, you merely add the names of the matriarchs to the name of the patriarchs (changing "the God of Abraham and Isaac" to "the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebeccah"), you must question whether they actually did experience God in the exact same way.

Teutsch later indicated that this particular problem would be addressed by using expressions like "the God of Abraham and the God of Sarah," instead.

Plaskow urged the abolition of terms expressing dominance, such as "King" or "Lord." "In the nuclear age, we must realize our own power and responsibility."

She also suggested a stronger emphasis on natural imagery, or references to ecology and nature poetry in the liturgy and in blessings. Teutsch later said that this is indeed planned.

In the question period, Teutsch stressed that the commission had no intention of arbitrarily doing away with such emotion-charged prayers as kaddish, yizkor, or aleinu. "We must put them into context."

Eric Mendelsohn, a member of Toronto's Reconstructionist congregation Darchei Noam, and himself a member of the Prayerbook Commission, told The CJN that the alteration in the liturgy is due to the movement's view of "a living Judaism," reflecting current attitudes and experiences.

"The original Reconstructionist prayerbook, written in the late 1940s, did not reflect the Holocaust or the State of Israel. There is no reason to think we won't have to revise it again in 50 years."

The first part of the new liturgy, Friday night and home ritual sections, is expected to appear in the fall, with the Sabbath and holiday sections to appear as soon as possible.

Solar power way of future

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO — Buildings and homes throughout Israel could be heated and cooled by solar power within five years, says a professor of chemical engineering at Ben-Gurion University.

Aharon Roy says solar heating and cooling units could be on the market by 1993 if experiments now underway with the Dead Sea's high density saltwater prove successful.

Roy, in Toronto on a recent visit, is conducting tests to find out if the liquid salt can store the energy of the sun for heating at night and the coolness of the evening for air conditioning during the day.

If Roy finds that the liquid salt can, he'll test it out in a scale model home. If that experiment proves successful, he'll recommend the heating and cooling units be placed in commercial production.

Roy says there are many benefits from using the solar-powered units. Besides cutting Israel's electrical consumption, solar power can stimulate the development of both industry and settlement in the Negev — something, he points out, which BGU was set up to do. In addition, heating and cooling with solar power can also help Israel weather what he says will be an oil squeeze in the 1990s.

That calamity, he claims, will see Mideast countries reacquire the capability to jack up oil prices steadily.

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Organizations and People

Young woman steps into world of the elderly

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

At 26, Pat Moore decided to take a journey into old age.

On a May morning in 1979, she slowly opened the door of her New York City apartment as a wrinkled and stooped 85-year-old woman. She apprehensively extended her cane, adjusted her wig and awkwardly took her first halting steps into a 3-year experiment that would give her an understanding of what it is like to be elderly.

"I wanted to gain first-hand knowledge of what it is like to cope with physical limitations of advanced age and the attitudes and reactions of other people in our society," said Moore, who was in Toronto recently as a featured speaker at the 5-day GoodAge Show at the International Centre.

She explained that with the help of a professional makeup artist who created latex wrinkles, applied baby oil to her eyes to blur her vision, attached splints and bandages under her clothes to stiffen her joints, and put plugs in her ears to dull her hearing, she ventured out onto the sidewalks and park benches of North America.

Moore, who grew up in Buffalo and spent her summers in the Peterborough area, graduated as an industrial designer from the Rochester Institute of Technology and landed a job with the prestigious New York design firm of Raymond Loewy. She was the only woman and the youngest designer.

It was while she was at Loewy that she realized that the firm was designing items that worked well for the young, fully functioning adult, but they were unsuitable for older, less dexterous people.

With her grandfather in mind and others whose needs were ignored, she requested time off to find out more about the requirements of older consumers, about the aging process, and how it relates to product development.

Now 36, the attractive president and founder of Moore & Associates, a New York-based research and design firm specifically dedicated to the development of new products, environments, services and marketing strategies for consumers over 50 and people with special sensory support needs, says that her experiment was "a life-changing experience."

In her book titled Disguised: A True Story, she tells of her terrifying experiences — repeatedly shortchanged, shoved, ignored and even brutally mugged. She says she "discovered a world of isolation and fear."

She adds that there were also positive experiences, considerate young men and women, loving children and fellowship in the company of senior citizens with whom she shared park benches.

A frequent lecturer and author of numerous articles on the requirements and behavior of the elderly, Moore told The CJN that North Americans are facing a serious situation: "The baby boomers are in trouble — they have no nurses and professional caregivers waiting for them."

She spoke of the narcissism of the 1970s and the "me-me generation" of baby boomers, now in their 40s, who wanted to give their children more and more, "and what they got was a bunch of spoiled brats."

Now, the sandwich-generation, flanked on one side by the needs of children and on the other of parents, these hippies are entering the era of responsibility for someone other than themselves and they are finding themselves emotionally ill-equipped and culturally unprepared for their role as a piece of the whole.

"Everyone is vying for a smaller piece of the pie," says Moore. "Individual priorities are emerging and we are bearing the brunt of the narcissism."

She adds that in a society defined by youth, the dilemma is them or us — an ideology that is unrealistic as the baby boomers become the thems, and they don't believe it.

"They are unprepared for the aging process — they go to spas, exercise, eat yogurt, use expensive creams and surgery to reduce wrinkles and think they will always stay young." She notes that the breakdown of family life has also contributed to the growing problem of dealing with the elderly.

"There must be a belief that there is something beyond self — ethics and morals that can't be separated from a belief in a deity." She notes that we've absorbed a value system that is purely North American "and in that course we've neglected cultural and religious beliefs. And what we are left with is obscene materialism — selfish and self-centred — and they ask, 'Why don't our children respect their elders?' "

She says that in our society we talk about growing old, but in reality we are becoming older. "Old is not a noun — becoming older is a relative term."

She concludes that there must be introspection that gives us a new understanding of getting older. "We must come to grips with our own fears of growing older and when we do that, we'll be ready to make changes and meet opportunities and challenges."

Moore says her journey into old age taught her many things. "If I should be fortunate enough to become a real 85-year-old someday, I'll take a tip from my grandmother who never considered that she was old. As she told me once, "I've just lived longer than most people."

Pat Moore is seen when she played the role of an 85-year-old woman.

Pat Moore

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By
MARIE MOORE

Toronto's Ira-Berg opened Canada's first in-store Genny boutique and remains the largest national retailer of this imported European label.

Due to the overwhelming success of the line, the store will open a free-standing Genny shop on Bloor St. W. in early August. With less than one dozen other signature locations across the world, the initial 250 to 300 fall and winter ready-to-wear ensembles will provide a rare glimpse at the latest collection.

As well as clothes (available in sizes 4-14), Genny fragrance, scarves, jewelry, boots, shoes, handbags and gloves will be sold at the new boutique. The entire selection will arrive from Italy in just a few weeks.

A preview of the jewelry, boots and shoes was on hand at the Genny Trunk Collection held recently at Ira-Berg. The footwear (sizes 5½-9) and handbags are designed to coordinate with intricate details found in the clothing line. They feature the same braid trim and vivid color combinations with shoes priced under $300.

Genny is a blend of whispering silks, classic woolens and sensuous cashmeres. Fabrics are simply cut — most of the pieces feature high collars with fitted feminine torsos or plain, round necklines topping a straight seamed bodice.

Colors focus on deep reds, prune and emerald green, usually mixed with black. Prints (minimalist florals and subtle stripes) blend in pattern and tone.

Coats are waisted, redingote and geometric in motif. Jackets may tuck into pants and skirts or extend to the hipline in a flourish of segregated peplums.

Pants group into two categories — a dressy, pleated version that falls just below the ankle in a rather generous hemline and a riding pant with jodhpurs-like lines that cut snuggly just above the ankles.

Dresses and skirts are short, straight and simple. Highlights include ribbed seaming, tiny pockets and black braidwork circles on wrists and necklines. Eighteenth century passementaire (trim) boldly accentuates several pieces in richly textured contrast.

For those special occasions is silk ottoman, crisp, shiny and glowing in the hottest shade of crimson. Designed to cling and control your form, styles plunge in the deepest bustiers and rise in the briefest mini.

The pleasure of buying, promoting and selling this extraordinary collection has been delegated to Sandra Matteson. Her new position as managing director of the Genny Boutique will offer her a different kind of challenge, and the former chairperson of Fashion Blooms (the recent AIDS benefit) is already enjoying the change of pace.

Genny is designed by Gianni Versace and manufactured by the same company that produces the Complici, Byblos and Christian Lacroix ready-to-wear labels.

Ira-Berg opened Canada's first in-store Genny boutique recently with a show featuring the designs of Gianni Versace. Above, model wears a tiered black woolen dress with capeleti accented by a bright black and white bow. Center, cashmere blend plaid jacket with tiny pockets and matching buttons. Right, a prune-colored waist coat tops jodphur-like riding pants. (Rough Layout photos)

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Warm, funny, erotic

Bull Durham more than a story about baseball

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Ron Shelton's baseball film, *Bull Durham*, is culturally very, very American, and a viewer who couldn't give a hoot about the game will obviously be at a disadvantage from the outset.

Written and directed by Shelton, *Bull Durham* is long on curve balls, batting averages and locker room camaraderie. But, fortunately, there's more to it than the mere nitty gritty of America's national pasttime, and this is its saving grace.

Crash Davis (Kevin Costner), a jaded minor league catcher who has stopped dreaming of making the majors (''the show''), is assigned to pass on his wisdom to Ebby La Loosh (Tim Robbins), a talented but undisciplined and sexually promiscuous pitcher on the roster of the Triple-A Durham Bulls.

Both catch the eye of Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon), a local sexpot with a literary bent who worships baseball and sleeps with one promising player each year. ''I am, within the framework of the baseball season, monogamous,'' she says half sardonically.

And she means it. Once she decides whom she will bed down, nothing can change her mind.

Susan Sarandon and Kevin Costner star in Bull Durham.

Although *Bull Durham* inevitably revolves around the arcane details of baseball, it really concerns itself with the respective relationships between Davis and La Loosh, Annie and La Loosh, and Davis and Annie.

Costner, who last starred in *No Way Out* and *The Untouchables*, puts on an amazingly poignant performance as a cynical veteran with brains but ordinary talent who's paid to convey his accumulated savvy to an essentially callow kid. As Davis, he is someone who believes in ''the soul, the small of a woman's back, a hanging curve ball, long foreplay and chocolate cookies.''

Sarandon is, appropriately enough, an exotic temptress who has experimented with practically every philosophy in the book and who reads her current lover excerpts from Walt Whitman and Emily Dickenson. (''A guy will listen to anything if he thinks it's foreplay.''). She's sharp and snappy.

Robbins, tall and angular, portrays a guy with a million dollar right arm and a 5-cents brain, someone who calls Edith Piaf's inimitable rendition of Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien ''that crazy Mexican music.''

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Bull Durham* tends to go flat when baseball, and nothing but baseball, is on the menu. But when it broadens its scope and becomes a fullblown examination of character, it is warm and funny and erotic.

Boring Ping Pong careens off the table

TORONTO —

Ping Pong, directed by Po Chih Leong, is instructive but not all that appealing.

It's edifying as a portrait of cross-cultural pollination. Set in London's Chinatown, *Ping Pong* takes Elaine Choi (Lucy Sheen), an ethnic Chinese woman of British nationality, manners and speech, on a personal voyage of discovery.

Otherwise, this film — now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres — is pretty dull, tame stuff.

Sam Wong, an enterprising businessman, dies in a telephone booth, leaving behind a will that is to be executed by Choi, the first Chinese Cockney I have seen on screen. At once timid and aggressive, Choi is a student lawyer who can't for the life of her speak Cantonese. She's a thoroughly modern, acculturated woman who knows next to nothing about the customs and folkways of Chinatown.

In her attempt to carry out her late client's will, she clashes with Sam's friends and his family, including his obnoxious son Mike, a restaurateur who's more British than Chinese.

***Ping Pong*, with its intimations of mystery, intrigue and marital infidelity, doesn't amount to much. It is, more or less, boring — littered with tantalizing hints about wrongdoing that lead nowhere.**

Ping Pong, however, is effective as quasi-sociological cinema.

I was amused at how a waiter in a Chinese restaurant predicts what his predictable Occidental guests will order. I chuckled when a father patiently tries, without much success, to teach his young sons the main principles of Chinese culture.

In a lighter moment, *Ping Pong* focuses on an illegal immigrant who, after some 50 years, is still a permanent tourist in Britain. Toward the end, Choi is given a backhanded compliment by an Englishman who, assuming she's an alien, congratulates her on her fine spoken English.

These episodes, though bracing they may be, are not enough to save *Ping Pong* from careening off the table. — **S.K.**

Hebrew University book of folksongs echoes Jewish life

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Judging from volume I, Magnes Press' 4-book Anthology of Yiddish Folksongs probably is exactly what it was described as by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University: ''The most comprehensive compilation of Yiddish folksongs'' recently published.

Volume IV has just been released. Each volume is $25; $100 for the set.

The 150-page hardcover volume I is a trilingual tour de force. Make that quadrilingual, if you believe that music is a kind of language all its own.

The songs — in this volume mostly love songs and lullabies — are presented in notes and chords, with their original Yiddish lyrics. As well, the latter are transliterated into English letters, and, separately, translated into English and Hebrew.

This volume contains an introduction by the late poet Abba Kovner, a moving prose poem describing various aspects of East European life. For the better part of 1,000 years, Yiddish was its language. Music was its balm, its vehicle of celebration, and its single art form, one uniting rich and poor, life and religion, and, towards the end, those who were religious and those who were not.

Yiddish music also presaged and perhaps helped spark workers' movements and Zionism. It helped console and fortify during the Holocaust, almost as much a part of the Warsaw Ghetto and other uprisings as guns and desperate courage.

Volume II is made up of children's, family, wedding, and festival songs. Volume III includes humor, chassidic, Jewish soldiers', and poverty songs. Ghetto, partisan, nationalist, and Zionist songs comprise volume IV.

The impetus for the set was provided by Soviet oleh Aharon Vinkovetzky in Israel in 1979. Most of the 340 songs in the set were gathered by him in the Soviet Union over a period of many years.

The books are obviously ideal for libraries, musicologists, and Yiddish folk groups.

As a cultural stimulant, the songs may also be employed to quicken the heart of a language that refuses to die.

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By
FRANK RASKY

"When most people call someone a 'Jewish writer,' it's a way of setting you aside. They don't talk about the powers of the 'Jewish writers' who wrote the Old Testament . . .

"I felt many U.S. writers, during the 1950s and early 1960s, treated their Jewish colleagues with unpardonable shabbiness. And anti-semitism after the Holocaust is absolutely unforgivable."

That's **Saul Bellow** talking. The 73-year-old novelist, born in Lachine, Que., and winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, is one of the 12 Jewish creators profiled in a penetrating new book. It's titled *The Poet At The Piano*, subtitled *Portraits of Writers, Filmmakers, Playwrights and Other Artists at Work* (Random House of Canada; 247 pages; $26.75).

The author is **Michiko Kakutani,** cultural affairs writer for The New York Times, who clearly has a sharp eye and a sensitive ear as an interviewer. I've selected from her profiles what I consider the most illuminating quotes on how her subjects handle their Jewishness, their celebrityhood, their acceptance by critics and the public, their attitude to changes in the marketplace and what one poet has called "the inescapable lousiness of growing old."

In short, here's a potpourri of opinions by Jews in the arts on fame, fortune and fate.

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Novelist **Philip Roth,** 55, gained notoriety in 1966 when he wrote *Portnoy's Complaint*, a funny, bestselling study about a Jewish boy's guilt feelings over being so horny. Rabbis assailed him for confecting an anti-semitic shocker, which was a libel of Jewish mothers. But columnists remarked on his new status as a millionaire and incorrectly identified him as an escort of **Barbra Streisand** and **Jacqueline Onassis.**

Roth was initially pleased with his sudden fame, then bewildered, and finally alarmed. He became "deeply skeptical of the public world," and moved to an old farmhouse in Connecticut, where he leads a hermit-like life.

"The concentration of writing requires silence," he says. "For me, large blocks of silence. It's like hearing a faint Morse code — a faint signal is being given, and I need quiet to pick it up."

He grew up in Newark, NJ, the son of an insurance salesman, and regards fiction as "something like a religious calling," which "dovetailed nicely with my penchant for ethical striving I'd absorbed as a Jewish child." His two primary literary influences are at polar extremes — one is the highly civilized **Henry James,** the other the borscht-belt comic **Henny Youngman,** whom he loves to mimic.

But, like most fiction writers, his chief source is himself. Nathan Zuckerman, the hero of his recent trilogy, *Zuckerman Bound*, is a struggling Jewish author who writes an extravagantly comic novel about sexual liberation. But to his horror, he is accused on talk shows of "depicting Jews in a peep-show atmosphere of total perversion." An obvious case of imaginary Nathan imitating Philip's life.

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Age has caught up with **Norman Mailer.** The winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, the former "psychic outlaw" and self-proclaimed hipster, acknowledges at 65 that he has become the "aging enfant terrible of the literary world."

He concedes that writing a sensationally popular bestseller with his first novel, *The Naked and the Dead*, took its toll. It cut him off from his Jewish past and made the novelistic observer the observed.

"For anyone who's become an author early and had a good deal of success, as **Truman Capote** did and **Gore Vidal** did and I did," he says, "it's not easy afterward to look upon other people with a simple interest. For, generally speaking, they're more interested in us than we are in them."

But the tireless self-dramatization, the courting of public exposure to sell books, is achieved at high costs.

"You're in the position," he says, "of a poor, good-looking kid who decides he's not strong enough, not tough enough, to get all the women he wants in the whole world. So he decides to become a boxer, and he goes into the ring and becomes tougher and tougher and tougher. And by the time he's at the top and gotten really tough, he's also so ugly that the women still won't look at him.

"The price you pay," he says, "is that it's harder for people to take you seriously. They say, 'What is that fool, that flake, going to do next?' And they feel vulnerable about buying your next hardcover book."

As a result, he has decided to withdraw from the hurlyburly of promotion and cultivate his own garden: "As you get older, you realize it's important to do one's best work and be serious about it. Instead of seeing yourself as the embattled artist, you begin to see yourself as the alchemical artist. Art as magic rather than art as war."

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At 82, director-screenwriter **Billy Wilder,** winner of six Oscars, the Vienna-born, acerbic wit, who likes "to mix a little vinegar in the cocktail," is also feeling his age.

"I've been foundering," he confesses. "People say, 'It wasn't your year.' Well, it hasn't been my decade. I guess I lost contact with the audience — I hope only momentarily. At my age, you get a bit apprehensive.

"You think three times, and sometimes you triple-guess yourself out of something that might be a big hit. It's hard to make that beautiful, brand-new, universally acclaimed masterpiece if you play it safe.

"Still, the energy, the ambition, has not diminished — you strive for a decent, preferably admirable, third act. It's the bang we're looking for, not the whimper.

"If you are to die, better to die with your horse winning the Kentucky Derby than to die on the subway, without even a horse running in the race.

"One day I was having lunch at the studio commissary," he goes on, "and there were three young men sitting in the other corner. I recognized their faces — they had all been mail boys at William Morris. Now they were vice-presidents — you could tell from their Italian suits, their narrow ties, and their Rolex watches.

"I heard them whisper about me, and the essence of what they said was, 'Billy Wilder's career can be summed up in one word — over.' "

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At 73, still capable of writing the recent comic bestseller, *More Die of Heartbreak*, novelist **Saul Bellow** has no intention of throwing in the towel. He has the final word on being a Jewish achiever:

"I sometimes enjoy saying that anybody's life can be encompassed in about 10 wonderful jokes. One of my favorites is about an American singer who makes his debut at La Scala.

"He sings his first aria to great applause. And the crowd calls *'Ancora, viva, viva.* **He sings it a second time, and again they call for an encore. Then a third time and a fourth.**

"Finally, panting and exhausted, he asks, 'How many times must I sing this aria?' Then someone tells him, 'Until you get it right.'

"That's how it is with me — I always feel I haven't gotten it quite right, and so I go on singing."

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Let me tell you about four bright Jewish Toronto women involved in the arts whose careers are going great guns.

First, there's storyteller **Leslie Robbins,** the 5-foot, 39-year-old pixy, who happens to be the daughter of my dentist, **Dr. Murray Cornish.** But that's not the reason I'm promoting her.

She's the only woman in the 4-member Klezmer-style group, Big Shpiel (**Michael Wex, Greg Paskaruk, Bob Stevenson** are the others). They were a big hit last winter when they brought their storytelling and shmoozing (in English, Yiddish and Yinglish) and infectious music ("everything from Cabala to Cab Calloway") in their *Frailach In Swing* show to Garbo's Bistro.

Now, with that title converted to *Frailacher 'N Swingin'er*, they're doing their shtik each Sunday at 9 p.m. at the Thornhill dinner cabaret, Bill and Anna's Place, 8206 Bayview, 889-5920.

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Then there's that 39-year-old sprite, **Honey Novick,** a vocalist-songwriter who sings in seven languages, including Japanese, Hebrew and Yiddish. She's proud of being the daughter of 79-year-old, Russian-born **David Novick,** the last Toronto milkman to deliver milk by horse and wagon. She's equally proud of being regarded by critics as a cross between a Joan Baez-like folk singer and an Ella Fitzgerald-like scat singer.

I particularly admire her scat singing with Toronto jazz pianist **Bernie Senensky** and her charming song, *A Kiss Without A Hug Is Like A Doughnut Without A Hole*, which has been recorded in her *Solid* album.

You can catch her act at the Kensington Arts Festival honoring that Toronto community's ethnic groups July 9 and 10; she'll also be appearing July 23 with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir at Camp Naivelt. For booking, phone **Penny East** at 782-7944.

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Then there's Hungarian-born, 37-year-old screenwriter **Anna Sandor,** who collaborated with her husband, producer-writer **Bill Gough** in creating the CBC's 1986 prize-winning TV drama, *Charlie Grant's War*. Sandor dropped me a line from Vancouver, where the husband-and-wife team recently moved from Toronto with their 4-year-old daughter, **Rachel.**

"Our main reasons for relocating," says Sandor, "are to shake up our lives and careers in a healthy way; so that Bill can teach film writing at the University of British Columbia; and to gain proximity to Los Angeles, where we have a pilot movie for a possible comedy-adventure series in the works at CBS. If it goes, we hope it'll be shot in Vancouver."

Sandor is the author and her husband the producer of *Two Men*, a harrowing CBC-TV film about a concentration camp survivor, which is based in part on Sandor's late stepfather. Co-starring **Jan Rubes, John Vernon** and **Lila Kedrova,** and directed by **Gordon Pinsent,** it'll be shown by the CBC this fall or early next year.

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Finally, there's that 28-year-old comedic academic, **Valerie Kates,** who calls herself a "humorologist."

"I'm no runt of the mill," says the 5-foot-10 Kates, who has the most impish grin I've encountered since I last interviewed Shirley MacLaine.

She inherited her sense of fun from her conservative yet zany father, **Paul Kates,** an insurance broker who may test a new secretary's sense of humor at the office by wearing fake nose glasses and an arrow through his head. She acquired her thespian flair from her aunt, **Min Haneford,** who teaches acting to seniors at Baycrest.

She studied and performed improvisational comedy at Second City with **John Candy** as her teacher. She trained to be a cabaret clown at **Richard Pochinko's** Toronto Clown Theatre. But then she switched careers, deciding to integrate comedy techniques with adult education. As she phrases it jocularly, "I have an MEd (Master of Education degree) from the University of Toronto and a BIS (Bachelor of Independent Studies degree) from the University of Waterloo — and so I've become an AOE (Authority on Everything)."

She conducts amusing yet enlightening workshops for business administration and educators on "How To Humorize Your Office." And as an active board member of Toronto's Narayever Congregation, she likes spreading the gospel that "laughter is a megavitamin for the world" at lectures for Jewish groups. Most recently, she provided an entertaining workshop for the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal.

If you want to boost droopy morale at your organization, you can book her by phoning 588-2721.

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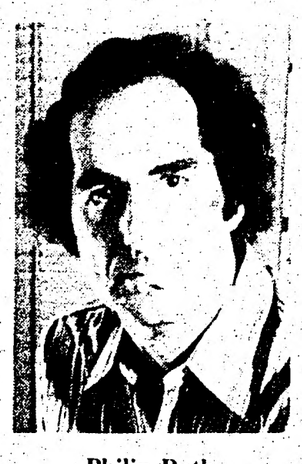
Our exit line this week is from the late Jewish theatre critic, **George Jean Nathan:** "The test of a real comedian is whether you laugh at him before he opens his mouth."

Valerie Kates

Honey Novick

Saul Bellow

Leslie Robbins



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Famous physicist visits Winnipeg's Main St. strip

Einstein TV drama far-fetched, but premise works

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Albert Einstein stepping out of the past to appear on a Winnipeg talk show? The idea may be far-fetched yet, in *Einstein Tonight*, a new made-for-television drama co-produced by Cambium Film & Video Productions Ltd. of Toronto and Winnipeg's Dueck Film Productions Ltd., the premise works beautifully.

Einstein Tonight was premiered on June 21 at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall through the auspices of the Professional and Business Division, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University Winnipeg Chapter.

The evening's proceeds are going toward a new computer laboratory being opened at the university's Givat Ram campus in the fall. Albert Einstein was one of the founders of the Hebrew University.

The hour-long film is dominated by Einstein. It works because Peter Boretski, the actor portraying the scientist, is Einstein. His appearance, his slight accent, his character traits, his musings all ring true. Boretski makes Albert Einstein come alive regardless of time and place.

The film opens with Einstein, suitcase in one hand and violin case in the other, trudging down Winnipeg's rundown Main St. area. In keeping with the great scientist's well-known indifference to money and luxury, the character checks into the McLaren Hotel, a slightly rundown establishment on the edge of the district. As a guest on the Art Simon show, he was expected to register in one of the more fashionable downtown hotels.

At the McLaren, the scientist becomes involved in conversation with a 10-year-old native girl, Sarah (Jennifer Malcolm) who lives in the hotel. The first part of the show is dominated by the growing friendship between the young girl and the old man. He explains science and the wonders of the universe to her, reminisces about his own childhood and muses on his life.

The second part of the film takes place on the television talk show. Host Art Simon (Lou Kliman of Winnipeg) asks Einstein to explain his theory of relativity to the studio audience in one sentence. Einstein complies and also explains gravity.

Simon challenges Einstein on his contribution through his theory of relativity to the creation of the atom bomb. When Einstein becomes emotional, he tells him to "lighten up." He questions the scientist's belief in God.

Einstein's responses are witty and thought-provoking and moving. You sense the bitterness when he remembers how the Nazis chased him out of Germany and tried to discredit his theories, his anguish when talking about the prospects of nuclear war while admitting his own responsibility.

About halfway through the show, Sarah brings him his violin bow and unobtrusively joins him on stage (she was watching him on television when he was asked to play and couldn't find the bow).

Then the show is over. The girl walks Einstein back to his bus. He boards a Greyhound and heads out. The final scene shows a Chaplinesque character walking down the highway, suitcase and violin case in hand.

There is of course a mystical element to the film. Einstein comes out of nowhere and returns from whence he came. No one recognizes him and even the talk show host isn't sure at the beginning he really is Einstein.

The film was directed by Arnie Zipursky, a former Winnipegger and partner in Cambium Productions. He and his partner, Bruce Glawson, produce *Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show*.

The drama is based on the play and screenplay written by Gabriel Emanuel, another former Winnipegger currently living in Israel. Emanuel's play *Einstein*, starring Peter Boretski, toured Canada for two years. He has several other plays to his credit and has written for CBC radio and television.

Einstein Tonight is scheduled to be telecast in the fall on CBC television.

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Amos Oz's best book

Black Box unfolds through letters

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Black Box, by Amos Oz. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $19.95 U.S.

At the age of 49, Jerusalem-born Amos Oz, a long-time resident of Kibbutz Huldah, is widely regarded as one of Israel's leading writers. The first of his novels, *Elsewhere, Perhaps* (1966), was a vivid portrayal of kibbutz life and a kaleidoscopic depiction of Israel just prior to the Six Day War.

My Michael (1968), aroused both admiration and condemnation. Forsaking his familiar broad social canvas, Oz retreated into the fantasy-filled mind of a neurotic woman who was unable to make peace with herself, with her phlegmatic husband, or with the demands of a harsh and obdurate country. Limited in emotional scope and depressing in tone, the work was criticized for its dreary heroine and general air of devitalization.

The Hill of Evil Counsel consisted of three interwoven short stories that were written in 1974-75. The time was the tumultuous period two years before the creation of the State and the War of Independence. The characters were largely Eastern European newcomers, who planned, feared and dreamed in a lower middle-class neighborhood on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The stories were rich in atmosphere, feeling and symbolism.

In a revealing essay that he wrote several years ago Oz indicated, "I write in order to capture in words where my family came from, why they came here, what they hoped to find, what they did find, and why they were and still are hated unto death by different people in different places at different times. I write in order to examine what may still be done and what may not . . . to appease evil spirits."

There is no other Israeli writer quite like Oz. His intensity of feeling for Israel, his concern for Arab rights, his vivid imagery and sensuous prose, his knowledge of kibbutz life and problems — all of this renders him singular. At the same time his bleak plots, fallible characters and criticism of kibbutz mores have made him a centre of controversy.

The plot of *Black Box* unfolds entirely through a series of letters. The main characters include Alec Gideon, a world-famous Israeli professor — living in Chicago — who is dying of cancer. He is an unemotional secular rationalist who has achieved fame by studying the nature of fanaticism. Ilana, his divorced, greedy, manipulative wife, still strongly attracted to him, reacts with mingled emotions to her disordered life. Her husband of seven years, an Orthodox Moroccan Jew, is an extreme right-winger who is eager to procure all of the West Bank for Jewish settlement.

Finally, there is Boaz, the hippie son of the professor and Ilana, who becomes a source of dissension between his father and guardian as he makes his way through a series of disasters to a semblance of maturity.

The book's metaphorical title refers to the material found in the revealing black box after a plane crash. The writing is witty, brilliant and eye-opening as the characters interact and respond to a tangle of events that lead to new understanding and awareness.

Oz insists that although his material is about Israel and its problems, his work should be regarded as a commentary on the human condition. Arguably Oz's best book, *Black Box* is a prime example of the author's intention.

New anti-semitism research

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The second volume in what is shaping up to be the most thorough and detailed collection of sociological studies of anti-semitism has just been published.

Error Without Trial: Psychological Research on Anti-Semitism, edited by Werner Bergmann, will be followed by three more books, all published by the Technical University of Berlin's Zentrum fur Antisemitismusforschung. They incorprate the findings of leading sociological researchers and academics across the West.

Director of the Zentrum is Herbert Strauss, professor emeritus of the City College of New York. Bergmann is a lecturer at the Zentrum.

This volume discusses the roles played in the development and spread of anti-semitism by, among other things: psychoanalytically recognized aberrations; the dynamics of group behavior; hostility born of individual and group competition; and the formative influences on a young person as he or she grows up.

Despite the unparalleled level of education and sophistication in the West, old stereotypes about Jews persist and may continue to influence attitudes, according to a study by Marvin Karlins, Thomas Coffman, and Gary Walters.

The more education and contact Blacks have with Jews, the less anti-semitism, say Ronald Tsukashima and Darrel Montero.

Volume I in the series, *The Persisting Question: Sociological Perspectives and Social Contexts of Modern Antisemitism*, edited by U.S. scholar Helen Fein, explores the extent and dimensions of primarily modern anti-semitism.

The very definition of anti-semitism is the subject of a 42-page discussion here, one in which conventional approaches are dissected and rejected without their replacement.

Anti-semitism in the West has largely declined since World War II, states sociologist Frederick Weil.

Formal Christianity, while no longer preaching anti-semitism, continues to "serve as an agent of anti-semitic prejudice in America," say Harold Quinly and Charles Glock.

Longstanding Christian credos, like "the eternal damnation of the Jews," continue to hold sway, particularly among the more conservative believers. Quinly and Glock found that "religious beliefs were second only to a lack of education as a primary source of anti-semitic prejudice among Americans."

Israeli intellectual Yehoshafat Harkabi attributes Arab anti-semitism to Jewish self-assertion, a threat in any form to the Arabs' desired total hegemony.

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Bau-Xi Gallery: Edward Epp, recent paintings, until July 16. Sally Gregson and Sasha Rogers, recent paintings, July 19-Aug. 6. 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Group show featuring Helen Zenith, works on paper; Steven Toth, abstract acrylics on canvas. July 7-22. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

Church St. Cafe: Bonnie A. Rubins, large acrylic abstracts, bright figurative pastels done in Cuba, prints and etchings, representing a 10-year span. Until July 31. 485 Church St. upstairs lounge.

Etobicoke City Hall: *Photocolors*, color photography by Orah Buck, continues to Sept. 5. The West Mall and Burnhamthorpe Rd.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Canadian and international gallery artists through the summer. 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Head of a Woman, a late 13th-early 12th BCE Israelite Period/Iron Age work in Ivory in the Treasures of the Holy Land exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum.

First Impressions Gallery: *The Summer Show:* original lithographs, serigraphs, etchings, by contemporary established printmakers, Coignard, Dorny, Dussau, Erte, P.S. Gordon, Hagin, He Neng, Impiglia, Jiang, Moore, Osborne, Piza, Rizzi, Tobiasse and others. From July 9. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Galerie Dresdnere: Group exhibition until Sept. 15. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: Group show through July. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Gibson House Gallery: *Canada Day Exhibit* by the York Heritage Quilters' Guild, continues through July and August. 5172 Yonge St. 225-0146.

Gardiner Museum: *The Horses of Heaven*, a collection of some 60 ceramic tomb figures dating from 2 BCE to 8 AD, which exemplify the importance of the horse in early Imperial China. These figures are considered among the finest outside China. July 19-Sept. 4. 111 Queen's Park. 593-9300.

Garnet Press/Gallery: *Republic*, a collectively curated group exhibition, July 9-Aug. 11. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: *Cars by Architects*, with an accompanying display case, Larry Richards, until Aug. 31. *Art in Everyday Life: Aspects of Canadian Design 1967-86*, continues to Sept. 11 at The Power Plant, 231 Queen's Quay, W. 973-4949.

The Inuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: *Water Travel: Tradition in Model Building*, a display of kayak models from various parts of the Arctic. 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: Group Show, with works by Michael Snow, Joyce Wieland, Gordon Rayner and Graham Coughtry. 179 John St. 595-0770.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Apropos*, architectural proposals for crafts, sketches and models of works by nine artists. Until July 30. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley. For information call 449-9543.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *Treasures from Private Collections:* including works by Chagall, Henry Moore, Joan Miro, Picasso, Renoir, plus impressive book works. Through July until Aug. 19 in the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin St. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Lori Goldberg, paintings, acrylics on canvas, in the East Gallery, and Annette Francoise, quilts, West Gallery, continue to July 14. Suzanne Morrison, paintings, oil on canvas, East Gallery, and Patricia Wylie, tapestries, West Gallery, July 21-Aug. 18. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Karney Daniels Gallery: Annual sculpture show opening August in newly renovated gallery. 11 Yorkville Ave. Suite 202. 964-1122.

Kinsman Robinson Galleries: bronze sculptures, Maryon Kantaroff and Esther Wertheimer, through July. 25 Prince Arthur Ave. 964-2374.

Madison Gallery: Gallery artists during July. 334 Dundas St. W. 977-4017, 977-4060.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: *Summertime Selections*, Canadian and American artists. 122 Scollard St. 961-4900.

The Market Gallery: The creation of Toronto harbor and its importance as a source of prosperity and recreation, is examined in an exhibition of photographs, paintings, documents, rare maps and artifacts from the city's archives. Continues to Oct. 23. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Casson's Cassons*, 90 works from Group of Seven member A.J. Casson's personal collection, many never before on display. At the gallery until Aug. 15. *Landmarks V & VI*, a small travelling exhibition with works by Lismer and Casson, until Oct. 2. *Inuit Works, Images of Women*, sculptures, prints and drawings, portraying the Inuit woman, July 17-Oct. 17. *J.E.H. MacDonald Sketches*, 30 sketches dating back to 1908, until Oct. 30. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

Ontario Design Centre: Soft paintings by Argentinian- born Israeli artist Calman Shemi, reflecting his years as a member of Kibbutz Carmia. Until July 15, 260 King St. E. For information call 482-8470.

Quan-Schieder Gallery: Opening June 28, new canvases by Philip Craig. Gallery artists to be featured during the summer. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery: Clark McDougall's *John Street is a One Way Street*, a retrospective of landscapes and cityscapes by the late St. Thomas native (John St. is in St. Thomas), continues to July 24. Oshawa artist Catherine Delhaise's *Cornerstones*, drawings of older churches in southern Ontario, are from a book entitled Cornerstones, which will accompany the exhibition, to July 27. And, a ten-year survey of works by Rose Lindzon, 20 large canvases, acrylics and oils, 1976-1986, opens on July 28 and may be seen until Aug. 28. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): *Treasures of the Holy Land: Ancient Art from the Israel Museum*, 200 antiquities in an exceptional exhibition until Sept. 5. *The Gould Collection of Netsuke*, miniature sculptures from Japan, on display through October. 100 Queen's Park. 586-5549.

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition: It's definitely summer when artists from Ontario, other parts of Canada and the U.S., participate in the annual juried show at Nathan Phillips Square. Dawn to dusk, July 15, 16 and 17, in front of the "new" city hall. For information call 967-6149.

Yaneff Gallery: Original antique French posters by Cheret, Mucha, Pal, Steinlen, July 15-Aug. 30. 119 Isabella St. 924-6677.

YYZ: An exhibition of works by six Montreal artists, Jocelyne Alloucherie, Angela Grauerholz, Holly King, Francine Larivee, Roberto Pelegrinuzzi, Rober Racine, continues to July 16. 1087 Queen St. W. 531-7869.

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Extravaganza thrills audience

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
It was an odd mix of musical entertainment — everything from popular broadway tunes, breezy Israeli numbers tunes, earthy Yiddish folksongs and soul-searing Jewish prayers.

But the musical combination of old and new, secular and religious turned out to be an expression of the commonality of Jews, thrilling the large crowd who recently attended "An Extravaganza Evening of Entertainment" at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Featuring Cantors David Bagley of Beth Sholom Synagogue and Abraham Lubin of Chicago, as well as the popular female Israeli entertainer Brynie, the proceeds from the 2-hour program are being allocated to the Association For The Soldiers of Israel.

Beginning the evening on a traditional note with three solos, Bagley recited the plaintive Hebrew prayer *Elokeinu R'Tzie*, then had the audience laughing with the humorous Yiddish song *Di Buard* which told a calamitous tale of a religious Jew who cut off his beard.

Indicative of Bagley's mastery at switching musical modes and moods, he concluded his opening set with the haunting Sephardi melody *Sh'chu-Lah* which recalled the time when Jerusalem lay in waste and ruin.

Abruptly, the concert turned into a celebration of Israel when singer Brynie appeared and delivered a powerhouse medley of spirited Hebrew songs which included traditional numbers like Exodus, and a smattering of tunes with their origins in Ashkenazi and Sephardi cultures.

Popular with the audience was Brynie's imaginative use of small props and costumes which infused her songs with color and character. This was especially effective in the popular songs she sung from Broadway hits like *Hair*, *My Fair Lady* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Her rendition of *The Rain in Spain* in Hebrew had the crowd in stitches, as did her multi-ethnic interpretation of *Tzaina Tzaina* which gave the audience a sampling of the cultural diversity of the Jews who have come to live in Israel.

Also included in both her sets were a number of cabaret songs which evoked the world of Jacques Brel and demonstrated her gift for musical diversity beyond the traditional Jewish world.

Cantor Abraham Lubin from Chicago touched the audience with a moving recital of *Modim Anacahnu Lach*, the classic prayer of thanksgiving from the amidah service. *Rozo D'Shabbes*, a prayer about the transcendental nature of Shabbat, clearly demonstrated the expressive power and beauty of Lubin's voice.

Lubin was equally adept with Yiddish folk songs and his humorous *A Klein Melamedl*, a song about a rabbinical student, was clearly sung by a man with a deep feeling for and a connection to Eastern European cultures.

Earlier, Rabbi Harvey Meirovich of Beth Sholom, thanked the cultural committee of Beth Shalom for arranging the concert and he told the audience that the concert reflects the ties of every Jew in the world.

Providing musical accompaniment that evening for the cantors was pianist Klara Goizman. Haim Cotton provided the piano accompaniment for Brynie.

Frank Cadesky and Carl Winer both brought greetings on behalf of Beth Sholom Synagogue.

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Introduces Madonna to Broadway

Mamet's play overblown study of desperate people

The CJN's New York theatre critic, GERRY MORRIS, reviews another of the plays you'll enjoy if you're visiting the Big Apple this summer. Gerry is a member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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NEW YORK —

Speed-The-Plow is a short play running about 80 minutes. But that is more than enough time for playwright David Mamet to examine mercilessly the Hollywood wasteland and its back-stabbing business practices.

When you strip away the reptilian bitchery, the mockery and the 1-liners it's simply an overblown study of desperate and opportunistic people who have little comprehension of the meaning of principles and friendship.

The talk in *Speed-The-Plow* is low down, and has a distinctive tang and rhythm which exudes life among the oily schmoozers of the glitzy cinema capital. Unfortunately, the plot is little more than serviceable, but Mamet's words are crispy and crunchy and crackle with some of the rudest, raunchiest lines of the year.

Under Gregory Mosher's sharp direction, two very fine actors, Joe Montegna and Ron Silver (he won a 1988 Tony Award for best actor) play Hollywood cigar-chomping hustlers. Bobby Gould (Montegna), recently promoted to studio productions boss, and his sycophantic pal Charlie Fox (Silver), who is either at your feet or at your throat, rejoice over Charlie's acquisition of a bankable motion picture star who is willing to play the lead in a prison melodrama, which Bobby has agreed to "green-light" and send on to the studio chief for funding. These two characters are not laid back soft-sell operators — they sit around wallowing in the fantasy of making a zillion dollars, having proudly proclaimed themselves whores.

But then sex raises its libidinous head in the person of a temporary secretary named Karen (Madonna), who uses her seductive body to alter the decision to produce the prison play. Instead she champions an obscure book on nuclear radiation and human mortality.

An infuriated Charlie foresees disaster at the box office. Conflict ensues. It then becomes an art vs. commerce entanglement spiked with plenty of stage action. It would be unfair to reveal other wrenching details of this cockamamie plot.

The play introduces pop star Madonna to Broadway audiences and it remains abundantly clear she is no threat to Sarah Bernhardt. I'm afraid it's a long way from prime time for Madonna. Possessed of a tiny and untrained stage voice and anemic acting talent, she is not an artistic asset to the production, but her worshipful rock fans are pouring into the theatre in busloads. At the performance I attended, certain members of such a group were so theatrically naive that they refused to leave the theatre at the play's end (the hockey oriented theatregoers referred to intermission as half-time). They obviously assumed that the brief 80-minute play was purposely devised to allow for a double bill, to include a rock concert featuring Madonna. That hot marquee name also necessitated police barricades outside the Royale stage door, where mindless mobs regularly gather with cameras in hand waiting to see Madonna. That, lamentably, is the 1988 version of star status on Broadway.

Mamet's work has always exuded pugnacious and controversial dialogue, as is evidenced by the small-time thieves of *American Buffalo* and the real estate hucksters of *Glengarry Glen Rose*. To say that the playwright has strong reservations about morality in Hollywood is the understatement of the year. In fact he has done for Hollywood what the Boston strangler has done for door-to-door salesmen in America.

Mamet's gift for gritty, realistic dialogue has seeped into many movies, as well as plays. His credits include Bob Rafelson's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, Sidney Lumet's *The Verdict*, and Brian de Palma's *The Untouchables*.

David Mamet's apparent inability to mince words — his addiction to the unvarnished truth — resulted in this comment on American society: "We've become so materialistic, so avaricious, that our capacity to love has become injured." Gut gazocht, Mr. Mamet.

Royale Theatre, 242 West 45th St. For tickets call Telecharge (212) 239-6277.

S&G as funny as G&S shows

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Life's a pudding full of plums;
Care's a canker that benumbs,
Wherefore waste our elocution
On impossible solution?

Those lyrics come from *The Gondoliers*, one of the 14 comic masterpieces created by William Schwenck Gilbert (Mr. Words) and Sir Arthur Sullivan (Mr. Music) during their partnership over a span of 25 years at the turn of the century.

That carefree philosophy also applies to *Sullivan & Gilbert*, the new play containing 16 of their most lustrous ballads, which is running until July 30 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Some theatregoers seem to dumb out during the summer months, apparently preferring theatrical fare that is a combination of icky treacle and saccharin goo. If so, this $750,000 Gemstone production, artfully confected by the Jewish Washington playwright Ken Ludwig (who also wrote the recent Andrew Lloyd Webber West End hit, *Lend Me A Tenor*) is not for these tasteless folk.

It's a plum pudding rich with luscious tunes, juicy wit, and crisp dialogue. And it's staged with originality by Toronto director Leon Major, and stylishly ornamented by set designer Philip Silver .

Ludwig has based his 2-act comedy on the true-life, blow-hot, blow-cold feuding of what was probably the best-loved collaboration in theatrical history.

Gilbert (here portrayed brilliantly by Broadway veteran Fritz Weaver) was the choleric, irascible member of the team; he was the well-to-do barrister turned lyricist, with a razor-keen sense of satire that slashed through the hypocrisy of the Victorian era. His mordant humor is reflected in :

Darwinian Man, though well-behaved,
At best is only a monkey shaved!

Sullivan (depicted with amiable warmth and charm by Noel Harrison, son of Hollywood star Rex Harrison) was a gentler spirit. He was a working class musical prodigy who became a bit snobbish after being knighted by Queen Victoria. He was not satisfied with composing such meltingly lovely melodies as *Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day* from *The Mikado* or *I Have A Song to Sing, O!* (*Sing Me Your Song, O!*) from *The Yeomen of the Guard*.

He regarded these timeless classics as "mere entertainments," potboilers which made him a fortune. Instead, he yearned to write highbrow religious oratorios .

Gilbert bitterly resented his partner's belittling of their "non-serious" joint efforts, justly insisting that their operettas were works of art.

Ludwig plays up this bone of contention in his play. He has enlivened the plot by inventing two other sources of friction.

For a revue of their operettas which they are staging at a command performance for the Royal Family, Sullivan has the audacity to hire the Queen's stagestruck second son, Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, in several minor walk-on roles. Gilbert, a perfectionist, is furious upon learning that his partner has not asked his permission when casting this tin-eared, fumble-footed "imbecile with a title."

The second blowup revolves around the romance of 55-year-old Sullivan infatuated with a 23-year-old soubrette who has joined their Doyle Carte company of regulars. It's not the disparity between their ages that alarms Gilbert; he disapproves of her scandalous background, pointing out that the hussy actually "performed *in her knickers*" **in a common dance hall.**

This accusation puts the lovesick bachelor Sullivan into a snit, and Leon Major has great fun with clever directorial touches which demonstrate, without dialogue, their schoolboyish tantrums. I particularly howled with laughter at the scene in which the pair pretend to be reading the London Times, bicker over ownership of a footstool, and wind up hurling torn pages of the newspaper at each other.

Needless to say, as in a G & S operetta, it all ends happily.

It's an old-fashioned humdinger of a musical show, which is scheduled to move to the Kennedy Centre in Washington for five weeks and then contemplates the possibility of perhaps opening on Broadway. If they take that risk, I predict they will have a winner on their hands, which, to quote The Mikado, will prove to be a great "source of innocent merriment."

Noel Harrison (left) as Sir Arthur Sullivan and Fritz Weaver as William Schwenck Gilbert are funny feuders in Sullivan & Gilbert, based on the operetta collaborators, at St. Lawrence Centre.

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Travel

Fun on Toronto's lakeshore

Harbourfront offers activities for the whole family

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In 1972 the federal government assembled 100 acres of property at Toronto's rundown lakeshore for the purpose of developing parkland. Now, 16 years later, Harbourfront is a major tourist attraction consisting of parks, marinas, housing and shops that is visited by approximately 3.5 million people each year.

The Harbourfront development includes five waterfront quays with names taken from surrounding streets and landmarks including York, John, Maple Leaf, Spadina and Bathurst. It is bounded by York St. to the east, Stadium Rd. to the west, Lakeshore Blvd. to the north and Lake Ontario to the south.

What makes this public attraction different from others in Toronto is that it provides a wide range of public programs — either at no cost or moderately priced — seven days a week, all year round in the cultural, educational and recreational areas.

This season promises to be no different.

As part of Summer Fun '88, families can enjoy creative arts and games in an outdoor setting weekdays during the summer. The program runs Monday to Thursday and the cost is $2 per child per session.

Also for the younger set is Kidstage, an entertainment series for children and their families that includes music, magic, theatre and puppets. In July, performances are scheduled for July 12, 19 and 26 at 7 p.m.

During the weekend Kaleidoscope offers a vast range of activities for children from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including screen-printing, easel painting, puppetry and pond games.

At the other end of the spectrum, Harbourfront offers a multitude of activities for senior citizens including canoeing (call 973-4494 for info), seniors disco and ballroom dancing Tuesdays from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and folkdancing Thursdays 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Seniors can also enjoy music, dancing and entertainment at Musical Memories Day on July 13 starting at 10.30 a.m. On July 27, at 10.30 a.m., Seniors Follies Day will provide an entertaining day for seniors with dance bands, cloggers, Highland dancers and a craft sale.

Attractive marine facilities

For all ages, there's plenty of other activities including Freedom Fest from July 8 to 10, the Soul 'n' Blues Festival, running July 21 to 24 and Caribbean Jump Up, July 29 to Aug. 1. Also every Sunday Coca-Cola Ltd. presents a free concert at 1 p.m.

Of course, you don't have to participate in an activity to visit Harbourfront. Nearly 15 acres of public parkland and most of the water's edge promenade has been improved and is usable by the public. Some of these are a must to see.

Little Norway Park, on Bathurst Quay at the foot of Bathurst St., is completely accessible to the handicapped and features a garden equipped with a braille guide rail and a wheelchair track that leads visitors around the park and through wheelchair fitness facilities.

Another integral part of Harbourfront are its marine facilities which include two marinas, a Nautical Centre and 54 tour and charter boats.

For visiting boaters, Marina Quay West is the place to head. This marina basin contains the inner harbor's first major docking area for visiting boaters. The 200-berth facility is enclosed by a pier and breakwater structure with complete public access along the water's edge.

Besides the activities, Harbourfront shops are a must to see. Today, Queen's Quay Terminal, a former cold storage warehouse, contains nearly 100 shops and restaurants. The terminal is also home to the Premiere Dance Theatre.

In addition, there are marine shops, the popular antique market and retail shops on the ground floor of the new housing developments.

For further information on Harbourfront call (416) 973-3000. Group tours can be arranged by calling (416) 973-4676. For box office information call (416) 973-4000.

Seniors can receive special discounts

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO —
If you are over 55 years of age, the travel industry worldwide is interested in your business. More literature is available for mature travellers and more destinations are offering bargains or special discounts to induce you to travel there.

While travel discounts for the elderly are fairly extensive on many modes of transportation, long distance air travel has so far managed to elude the discount field.

Meanwhile, in the past year more metropolitan areas on this continent have announced special senior citizens rates at hotels, restaurants and attractions of all kinds.

The Ontario government has just released a 42-page booklet, Senior Citizens' Attractions Guide (available from Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 2E5), which lists practically all attractions in the province, hours when open, rates for the elderly, and addresses with telephone numbers. The booklet also lists discounts for airlines, railway and bus lines which range from 10-60% off regular fares.

Also in the publication area there are three 1988 books of special interest to seniors. They are Senior Citizen's Guide To Budget Travel in The United States and Canada, Senior Citizen's Guide To Budget Travel In Europe, both by Paige Palmer, and the 1988 Directory of Theme & Amusement Parks in the U.S.A. (These three books are only available from the publisher, Pilot Books, 103 Cooper St., Babylon, NY 11702, at $4.95 each, postpaid in U.S. funds.)

Of interest to many seniors who want more than just sightseeing on their trips are the Elderhostels programs worldwide. These vary up to three weeks, supply accommodations usually during the summer months at university residences, and have courses of study on a variety of subjects, mostly on history and culture of the region. (Catalogues of Elderhostel programs are available from Elderhostel Canada, Corbett House, 29 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto M5R 1B2.)

Some ship cruises now also have discounts for the elderly. Included this year are the 1-day SeaEscape cruises from Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Port Canaveral and from Tampa on the Gulf of Mexico side of Florida.

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Business Outlook

Steve Waldman returns home to his family's dairy firm

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Thomas Wolfe was wrong when he said you can't go home again. Just ask Steve Waldman.

Sitting in his father's former office, at Westhill Dairies, Waldman mused happily that "the world goes back into a circle."

Steve Waldman

Waldman's father, Leo, owned Westhill, the company producing Western Creamery and Bird's Hill Dairy products, from 1945 until he sold it in 1971. He remained as general manager until it was resold in 1978.

Steve Waldman joined the firm in 1974, after graduating from the University of Guelph's Dairy Science course. He worked first in planning and production and then in sales until 1981, when he moved to Astro Dairies, still in production and sales.

Although he considers himself to have been successful at Astro, he is delighted that in April, 1988, together with Liberty Cheese Co. of Montreal and Bob Briscoe, he was able to buy back Westhill. He is now vice-president of sales.

Sitting in his office in the firm's Brisbane Ave. factory (it moved from 393 Dundas St. to North York in 1968), Waldman talked about his plans to make the company more competitive.

"While I was gone, there was little growth."

He plans to change that by more competitive pricing, excellent service and quality control.

All its dairy products — cottage cheese, sour cream, cream cheese, cream cheese with chives, yogurt and yoggi — are made with all natural ingredients. He says Westhill does not use additives like carrageenen or locust bean gum that other dairy product manufacturers do.

"People are health and diet conscious," he said. "They worry about cholesterol and calories. Our company was the first one to come out with a light sour cream, with only a 5.5% butter-fat content." (Their unique "yoggi" — a cross between yogurt and sour cream — has a 3.5% butter-fat content).

Waldman is especially proud of the firm's cream cheese and cream cheese with chives, which, he said, is made from his grandfather Sam's special recipe.

Westhill is also coming out with several new products in the next few months. What Waldman refused to confide was just what those products will be. "Just wait and see!"

Another feature about Westhill Western Creamery and Bird's Hill Dairy products is that, not only are they strictly kosher, under the supervision of the Kashruth Department of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, but "they are the only kosher dairy manufacturer owned and managed by Jews."

He is considering entering the cholav yisroel market, but pointed out the difficulty of doing so when his firm does not also sell liquid milk.

"There just isn't that much cholav yisroel, specially supervised milk production, going on in Ontario. On the other hand, why should people not have a choice of more than one place to purchase it?"

A lesson he learned well from his father is the importance of providing good service. Not only is "the customer always right," but Waldman goes to customers' stores on Sundays and replenishes their supplies personally if they run short. That, he says, is why he has always felt a strong sense of loyalty from his customers.

Trade shows for parents being organized

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Winnipegger Isabel Wolinsky, a mother of two pre-schoolers, is the driving force behind a new series of trade shows especially designed for parents.

If all goes according to plan, over the next five years the show will be staged in 40 major cities across North America.

The First Annual Parents' Show, which was held recently at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, featured 300 booths set up by various community support services and retailers as well as maternity and children's wear fashion shows. Five renowned North American child-care experts, including Dr. Benjamin Spock, addressed participants.

The idea for the shows hit Wolinsky about a year ago while she was shopping for a tricycle for one of her sons. She saw a good-sized tricycle in a store basement but was told it was only for handicapped children. It was kept in the basement because there was little demand for it.

"It occurred to me that parents should know that that sort of thing was available; that there was a lot of information out there parents weren't aware of."

Considering bringing in speakers

At the time, she was working part-time in a nursery school and considering bringing in some speakers.

"I thought a resource show would be too dry. But if a resource show could be combined with retail products and entertainment such as speakers . . . .

"A trade show with its friendly, open varied environment seemed the best way to put out a lot of information. People can always put literature aside, but a trade show is a hands-on, visual event whereby resource groups have an opportunity to make themselves known."

Within a month, Wolinsky had incorporated Parent Presentations Inc. and, with a staff of four, had begun organizing. Ten corporate sponsors were recruited to subsidize non-profit groups interested in having a booth at the show. Letters were typed, schedules arranged and lessons learned.

Booking convention time

"We thought, for example, that the exhibits would be the drawing card, but more people are interested in the speakers."

Wolinsky and company are busy booking convention centre time throughout Canada and the United States. Parent shows are already scheduled for Calgary in April and Toronto, Ottawa and Minneapolis next May.

The Winnipeg office will continue to arrange all bookings and line up speakers, while local offices in each city will be manned by sales and production staff. Contacts between the various offices will be maintained through computer linkups.

"There are other children's shows in Toronto and Los Angeles, but none are done like ours. This is an idea whose time has come. Lifestyles are more hurried than ever. It's more difficult to be a good parent. You can use all the help you can get out there. That's where we come in."

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Tax News

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Income splitting used to be an enjoyable endeavor for tax practitioners and taxpayers alike.

Unfortunately, the government continues to introduce new legislation that takes the fun out of the game. Part of the draft legislation issued on April 13, 1988 as part of phase I of tax reforms represents the most recent example of this phenomenon.

The government was somewhat devious in the manner that this new provision was introduced. Rather than publicly announcing this amendment as part of a budget or similar proclamation, this proposal was buried amidst the draft legislation to implement the tax reform measures. In any event, these new provisions will further restrict the opportunities to split income among other family members.

The objective of income splitting is to transfer income that would otherwise be taxed in the hands of a high-rate taxpayer to someone (perhaps a spouse or child) in a lower tax bracket. In addition, income splitting enables a family unit to maximize the use of various credits under the new regime, including the basic credit and tuition fee credit.

In the May, 1985 federal budget, massive changes were introduced to clamp down on income-splitting arrangements. That budget extended the existing income attribution rules to loans made to spouses and related minor children.

However, taxpayers have always been able to loan funds to related individuals over the age of 17 with the resulting income taxed in the hands of those individuals. For example, it was often beneficial to transfer income in this manner so that children at university or college had sufficient income to utilize their tuition fee and other deductions.

After 1988, this will no longer be the case.

New provisions will apply where an individual loans property to a related individual (irrespective of age) if one of the main reasons for the loan was to reduce tax on income from that property or any substantial property. In such circumstances, the income will be considered to be income of the individual who made the loan.

This rule applies only to loans between individuals (including trusts). The next step would appear to be the extension of this concept to corporations.

It is interesting to note that those rules do not apply to property that is transferred outright to the individual by way of sale or gift, nor does it apply to attribute capital gains or business income that is derived from a loan to a relative, other than a spouse. Capital gains earned by related minors also remain exempt from those rules.

A further exemption is provided for loans made at commercial rates of interest. The interest must be paid within 30 days after the end of each year to avoid the application of this new rule.

These rules will apply to existing loan arrangements that are in place as of Jan. 1, 1988. Accordingly, all trust arrangements and similar loan structures will have to be examined to determine the impact of these new rules. Where possible, such arrangements will have to be restructured to avoid their application.

The government has even taken this process a step further in a recent announcement to the media. The finance minister has indicated that the attribution rules will be extended to cases where loans are made to family members to acquire an interest in certain limited partnerships. While such investments were usually of a passive nature, they were intended to bypass the attribution rules, since such partnerships were considered to be carrying on a business.

This provision is clearly one that will create headaches for both tax practitioners and taxpayers. It represents another example of the government shutting down what was previously thought to be an "approved" tax-planning vehicle. It also naturally introduces another degree of complexity into a tax system overwrought with problems.

With all of the recent tax changes, the promises of tax simplification have apparently faded into the background. Despite the government's concerted effort to restrict income-splitting techniques, there will remain a limited number of ways to divert income into the hands of lower-income family members. These include the use of spousal RRSPs, the payment of reasonable salaries from family businesses and the sale of assets between family members at fair market value.

The changes introduced over the past several years to limit income splitting are symptomatic of the government's misguided approach to all perceived loopholes. Despite constant criticism, it continues to make use of the proverbial elephant gun to kill an ant.

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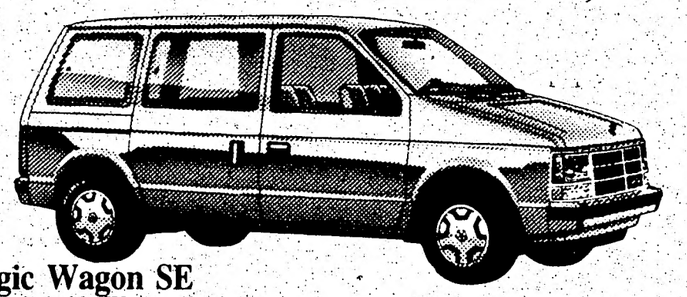
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Molly Rossman on June 17/88, late of 115 Antibes Dr. #803.
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Helen Sniderman on June 21/88, late of 6250 Bathurst Street #1009.
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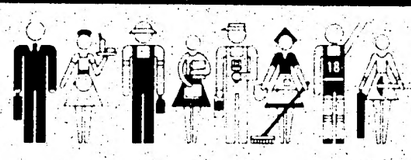

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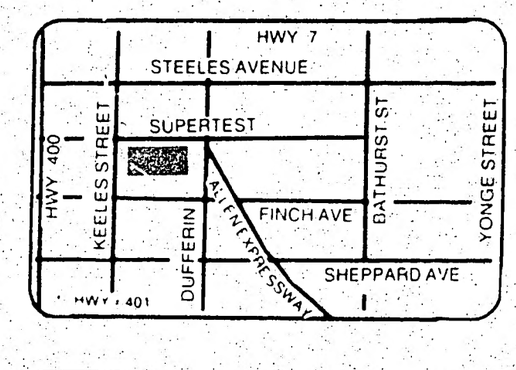

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1.52 KG. 69¢ LB.

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NEW WHITE POTATOES
.64 KG. 29¢ LB.

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